

Mission Strategy

1. Vision

- (1) Focusing on “**Family**”
 - Being a model for a “Family” of Christ
 - A flock of Christ centered families
 - Bringing God’s reconciliation, healings and growth into individual families
- (2) Home church for **the next generation**
 - Preparing to go out to the world
 - Being disciples
- (3) Source of **the God’s pipe**
 - Flowing out His love and works to the world

2. Mission Statement

- (1) **Unity** (Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:4-31)
 - One body in Christ
 - Belongs to the all the others
 - Different spiritual gift
- (2) **Healing** (Matthew 11:28, John 21:15-17)
 - Caring with Love in Jesus
 - Rest in Christ
- (3) **Growing** (Acts 2:42, Ephesians 4:13)
 - Teaching, fellowship, and prayer
 - Discipleship
- (4) **Sending out** (Mark 16:15-20, Luke 10:2)
 - The workers for Christ
 - Into the world

Our church, Japanese International Baptist Church in Littleton, is to lead the people in Denver area to their salvation of Christ using the Japanese language. Over the nations, languages, and cultures, we serve, rejoice and reflect the Lord for each other standing on the love of Christ.

3. Location

The most interesting area is around “Littleton” that is south of Denver. As researching of Denver area, we were convinced that the south areas of Denver, such as Cherry Creek, Littleton, and Highlands Ranch, are safer and good places for people to live. Because there are some Asian market stores in Aurora (East of Denver), we suppose that many Asian people are there. However, we heard that Aurora is not very much safe place for Japanese to live. It seems that the Japanese people prefer to live high grade and new home areas because of the safe images they have for those kind of new and expanding places. The housing costs are lower in Littleton than those in Cherry Creek, and Littleton is closer to downtown Denver than Highlands Ranch. Most of all, Littleton looks like locating in the center of those safe and good areas.

4. Target

(1) Permanent residents

To establish and grow a church, it is important to have core members who live in the area permanently. Therefore our primary targets would be permanent residents, such as internationally married couples and families employed by the US companies. We would approach all of their family members including children that are not only Japanese speakers. Consequently, we are going to have bilingual service.

(2) Residents from Japan on businesses

Secondly, the Japanese people sent from Japan to work in the area also would be our targets. The most of them are going back to Japan in the future. Once they receive Christ as their Lord, they could be back in Japan as missionaries. We would support their lives in US not only at church but also whole their lives outside of church. God’s love shown through our relationships and lives together would be our desire and prayer.

(3) Japanese Exchange Students

Since the Japanese exchange students would make the change of members so often it is hard for them to become the core members of the Church. However,

salvation of young lives is very important to us and to the Lord the most, so we would support and help them to come to the Christ using our experiences of the youth group ministries at George Fox University for 5 years the Lord has given us.

5. Yearly Strategy

(1) First Year

Goal setting: 20 adults attendance in the Sunday service including 3 committed families and 2 small groups. Baptism of 3 people.

Strategy: - Looking for Japanese Christians who are not committing to other church.

- Having Japanese Sunday school for adults, a weekly prayer meeting, and weekly small groups.
- Starting bilingual service as soon as possible.
- Making church website.

Time frame: The end of September 2010.

(2) Second Year

Goal setting: 30 adults attendance in the Sunday service including 5 committed families and 5 small groups. Baptism of 5 people.

Strategy: - Starting the discipleship training for the core members.

- Starting Sunday school for children and summer church retreat.

Time frame: The end of September 2011.

(3) Third Year

Goal setting: 40 adults attendance in the Sunday service including 7 committed families and 7 small groups. Baptism of 7 people.

Strategy: Starting youth ministry for Japanese students.

Time frame: The end of September 2012.

(4) Fourth Year

Goal setting: 50 adults attendance in the Sunday service including 10 committed

families and 10 small groups. Baptism of 10 people.

Strategy: Starting a ministry for North Denver, Boulder, or Colorado Springs.

Time frame: The end of September 2013.

(5) Fifth Year

Goal setting: 70 adults attendance in the Sunday service including 15 committed families and 15 small groups. Baptism of 15 people.

Strategy: - Looking for new building as preparation to have church services and meetings in our own building.

- Making a mission team to send to other churches, States, and Countries.

Time frame: The end of September 2014.