



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: JUNE 21, 2020

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This summer, millions of people from across the globe will flock to the world's largest metropolitan city as it hosts the 2020 Summer Olympic Games. Already home to 38 million, Tokyo, Japan, will welcome countless athletes and spectators. With less than .5 percent of Japanese professing to be an evangelical Christian, this global capital city is already primed for the message of Christ's hope.

Missionaries Daniel and Tara Rice have been helping coordinate the International Mission Board's (IMB) presence and outreach in Tokyo for the Olympic Games. Months of preparation have given birth to the Connect 2020 Campaign, which aims to help Japanese churches, IMB missionaries and American volunteers share the love of Christ with millions during the Games. Free family-oriented community festivals, Olympic viewing parties, coffee and tea houses and other evangelistic efforts all enable the local Japanese church to demonstrate their faith and connect with nonbelievers of all nations.

Pray for the hundreds of Japanese believers to become trained in evangelism, prayer and discipleship so they can connect with unbelievers during and after the Olympics. Pray for local churches to work together in unprecedented ways to share the gospel in their communities, the country of Japan and the world. Uplift the hundreds of volunteers and missionaries, like Daniel and Tara, and ask God to strengthen them in their calling to reach the nations during this unique opportunity and beyond.