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►Pray for Japan. The past 6 months have been the hardest of their lives for many (including missionaries!). Pray for strength in weakness, joy in sorrow, and time for rest.

►Pray that I would find a few music students this fall (for teaching experience, the financial help, and a chance to serve Danville students).

►Pray for perseverance (dare I say patience?) during the support-raising months, and opportunities to share the passion God has given me and the need in Japan.



let your light shine

# Tokyo

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## Someday in Japan

After a 2-week mission trip to Tokyo last summer (before I realized God calling me to ministry there), I thought, “teaching music in Japan; that could be an awesome ministry. I’ve never really had a ‘dream job’, but that just might be it: not any time *soon*, but *someday* years down the road.” If you haven’t heard about it yet, I’m excited to share with you our team vision of a music studio/arts center hoping to start by April 2012. Assisting in the development, running, and teaching of this studio will potentially be a major part of my day-to-day life in Tokyo. How can a music studio be ministry? By offering high-quality lessons and classes (yay for short-term teams, like the Juilliard group who went this June and will be back next year!), being incredible in supporting church planting, creating a grace-based community in the music world, and impacting the lives of individual students.

My music teachers over the years have taught me so much more than music; they have been mentors and friends who guided me weekly, one-on-one, in growth as a person as well as a musician.

*Left:* me with a conservatory student in Tokyo, May 2010. Even on a short trip our team saw what an excellent tool music could be in evangelism, partly by simply providing common ground on which to meet. As C.S. Lewis says when writing about the different types of love, “true friends...face the same direction, toward common projects, interests, and goals.”



*A short-termer with one of the children, June 2011*



## This Month in Support Raising

Thank you so much for your support: your prayers are invaluable, and *one-time* support is now over 80%! To show the progress of *monthly* pledges, I’ve created this simple visual (*right*) currently at about 10%. Each pink cherry blossom represents \$100 in monthly pledges, or you can color a few petals for \$20 each.

Another way you as supporters can have an active role on the team is by participating in occasional surveys. I would be honored to have your insights and opinions, knowing that “...in abundance of counselors there is victory” (Proverbs 24:6). Would you mind taking the first survey (only 5 questions) at [this link](#)? Oh, and it’s anonymous, but feel free to sign the comment box if you like.

