

Sunrise International Ministries

Missionary Internship & Outreach

Internship Description

Sunrise International Ministries is an evangelical Christian mission agency that focuses on evangelism, disciple-making, and church planting. The Missionary Internship & Outreach program allows you to live and serve alongside us in our local community, proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Internship Purpose

The goal of the three-month internship is to understand Sunrise and our local ministry, be equipped to serve in Japan, experience personal growth, and explore long-term opportunities in Japan. We focus on the following:

1. Maintain and grow in a love relationship with Jesus through discipleship with Sunrise missionaries. Gain a solid understanding of the beliefs and values of Sunrise, including our model of house church, discipleship, and emphasis on the love relationship with Jesus.
2. Begin to build a strong foundation in Japanese language and culture by spending time with Japanese people.
3. Receive training and engage in relational outreach. This will include, but is not limited to, teaching English classes, joining after-school programs for children, leading/participating in hobby classes and outdoor activities, men's/women's ministry, youth ministry and outreach events.
4. Begin to identify how one's talents and passions may be fully used in Japan.
5. Participate in local worship; including, but not limited to, helping to lead worship, giving testimonials, facilitating prayer, and Scripture reading times.
6. Be part of a team. We expect to learn as much from our interns as they do from us. We aim for team relationships to be safe, honest and transparent so that we may all share and learn from each other.



Location

We are located in Sanda City, a suburban community of 127,000 located close to Kobe, Osaka and Kyoto. Interns live communally in a three-story house. The first floor houses our education center and activity space. The second and third floors are the male/female dorm areas. This house is just a three-minute walk from Sunrise staff, and the close proximity is convenient for training, discipleship and ministry. A powerful way to shine Christ to our community is to be good neighbors, so we keep in accordance with both our rental contract and the neighborhood's rules on noise, activity curfews, parking, trash, etc.



Equipping Process

We follow a five-step equipping process with all interns. Each step is a comt:

- We do - you watch
- We do - you help
- You do - we help
- You do - we watch
- You do - a new person watches

This process is applied to all aspects of equipping, and reflects a to hands-on training that is easily reproducible. Learn to equip others while being equipped!



Training Topics

1. **Theology:** We work together to explore theology in the context of missions so that our lives and outreach are soundly grounded in Scripture.
2. **Culture:** Presentation of Japanese values, mindset and worldview that interns will encounter while here. We will read through and discuss multiple books, as well as hold live lectures and discussions with Japanese nationals. In addition, interns will explore both city and countryside in order to better understand the Japanese people.
3. **Language:** Training in language acquisition models and practical Japanese. All interns will work towards a mutually decided upon set of Japanese language goals, based on each intern's Japanese ability upon arriving in Japan.
4. **English Ministry:** TESOL philosophy and practical training on teaching English classes. Because English is our first point of contact with many in our local community, we have a solid commitment to excellence in teaching as part of our proclamation of Jesus. Training includes lectures on TESOL, developing lessons, shadow teaching, and practice teaching in actual classes. As part of the English Ministry, interns will plan and hold weekly outreach events that are meant to foster relationships and provide opportunities to display the love of Christ.
5. **Discipleship** (English & Japanese): Presentation of the Cross Bible Study as one method of personal devotions, and as a resource for disciple making. Interns will have opportunities to practice leading others through the CBS.
6. **Listening Prayer:** We hold regular, consistent team meetings to hear from God together, discuss what we are learning, seek answers to questions we have, map out course changes, and plan activities.
7. **And more:** Interns will learn about leading Bible studies, worship through music, Japanese cooking, and Japanese cultural activities. Most interns will experience a short homestay with Japanese families while here. We also will explore issues related specifically to being a missionary, such as communication with supporters and donor relations.

Typical Weekly Schedule

Outreach (20 hours): This encompasses all outreach, including, teaching English classes, prep for classes, special events, spending time with people, etc. Most of this time is spent directly with Japanese people.

Spiritual Development (5 hours): As a mission, we recognize that all we do flows from our relationship with Christ. Therefore, we value the inner-life of the missionary to the degree that they are given weekly time to pursue God.

Professional Development (5-10 hours): This time is used for equipping workshops and seminars.

Language Acquisition (5 hours): All interns will engage themselves in a period of directed language study each week. Living in Japan will provide many opportunities to practice and apply newly learned language.

Unscheduled: Interns are encouraged to discover their own natural ministry and life rhythms, so we provide this time for discovery.

Finances

Current cost of a three-month internship is ¥2,700/day, plus the cost of airfare to Japan and travel insurance.

Sanda Team Leaders

The outreach in Sanda is led by Peter and Wendi Thomson, who have served as missionaries in Japan since 1988. Through collaboration with national partners, their desire is to see the whole of Japanese society impacted by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter and Wendi have partnered with Japanese Christians to plant four churches in Japan. They have trained hundreds of short-term missionaries to serve in local Japanese churches, and have helped to equip over thirty Japanese churches to plant new churches. They have four children; born and raised in Japan.



For more information

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"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9.