



# ALEX & KATHRYN HUMPHREYS

Missionaries to Japan

## “LOVE SONATA” IN SHIZUOKA

Students of history will remember that the Japanese treatment of Koreans leading up to and during World War II was terrible. The Japanese military committed various atrocities against the people, used them for their own desires and treated them as ethnically inferior. Because of this treatment, many Koreans held grudges in their hearts toward the Japanese as a nation and people.

A heart filled with unforgiveness was true even of Christians. Pastor Ha Yong-jo who planted and pastored the Onnuri Church in Seoul, Korea before his death in 2011, felt deeply convicted over his unforgiveness. God led him through a process of forgiveness and one of the fruits of that was the “Love Sonata” outreach to the people of Japan. This outreach started just over 10 years ago and every year since then there have been 2 or 3 outreach events in various cities around Japan.

These outreaches consist of the first night, “Gospel Night”, being a time to rally and encourage the Christian believers in that area. The second night is the actual “Love Sonata” outreach where many people who do not yet know Christ are invited to come and take part in this wonderful experience. Many believing Korean musicians, actors and artists who are also well-known in Japan take part in the stage presentation on the second evening. The Japanese can hear the gospel directly from people that they like and respect.



Love Sonata's Gospel Night performance

### CONTACT US NOW TO SCHEDULE!

We just arrived back in the US at the end of March. This means that we are hoping to reconnect with our supporting churches. So if you are interested in having us share in a worship service, youth service, children's church, small group, missions convention, missions committee meeting etc. please contact us as soon as possible. The calendar is

filling up. Please use any of the following methods to contact us.

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## CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS

- 1) To quickly raise our additional monthly budget of \$1,500.
- 2) More people to be called as missionaries to Japan.
- 3) Safe travel as we visit various churches in the US.
- 4) Kathryn's father recently had heart problems. Pray for full healing.



In Japanese dress for service (↑) and family trip to Luray Caverns (↓)



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(cont') At last, on May 15 & 16 of this year, the "Love Sonata" was held in Shizuoka, the location of Tokyo City Church's second site. The senior pastor of the church that we serve with was the chairman of the planning committee and was extremely busy, but praise God, many lives were changed through this event.

Please pray that the gospel message will continue to resonate in the hearts of the people who attended the event. Please pray too for those new believers who have made connections with local churches that they will continue to stay close to mature believers, growing in their new found faith.



Love Sonata performance by world renowned flutist Song Solnamoo.

## MEETING NEW FRIENDS IN OHIO

While attending the 2019 Ohio Network Conference Alex was able to meet a number of new friends including a newly appointed US Missions couple. This couple will be serving as the directors of Chi Alpha at Ohio State University (OSU). OSU is one of the largest campuses in the United States with a student population of over 60,000.

The husband, Kenji Kuriyama, is part Costa Rican and part Japanese! He and Alex spent a lot of time just chatting in Japanese. Sierra is from neighboring Indiana and they both felt the call to come to Ohio and reach the students at OSU. They are settling into their new life in Columbus along with their beautiful new daughter, Inori (which means prayer in Japanese).

Please pray for them as they raise their support and as they get started in the new school year.



Kenji and Sierra Kuriyama. New Chi Alpha directors at OSU.

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## THE LEAD CONFERENCE

Every year in the Assemblies of God each district or "network" holds their annual business meeting. In our area this has been colloquially known as the Potomac Network Conference. This is always a great opportunity to reconnect with our supporting pastors and friends but this year our network leadership felt that it should be more than just a business session.

Throughout the LEAD Conference (the new name) there were both main and breakout sessions on various topics regarding personal spiritual growth, church leadership, youth, worship, making use of technology, missions and many more. We came away with new insights that we can apply not only personally but also in Japan.



The LEAD Conference 2019 at Destination Church!

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ISAIAH 58:10



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