



PRAY FOR EAST ASIA

Pray for East Asia's Diaspora

But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.

— Acts 12:24

People Profile

About East Asia's Diaspora

Vietnamese in Macau. Chinese students in Kansas. Japanese students in Oxford. Whether voluntarily or involuntarily, East Asians are moving across borders, and the global church is reaching out to them. Many of these East Asians will return to the country of their birth. Before they return, will they be prepared to thrive as Christians back home?

On the Move

There are over 250 million migrants around the world today and 85 million of them are from East Asia. Five million international students bring diversity to universities - forty percent of all international students come from China alone. Many leave their homeland for economic or political reasons. Some are the victims of human trafficking. Others are tourists. In 2016, there were 122 million Chinese tourists overseas. People are often more open to the gospel when they are outside of the comfort and pressure of their home.

Welcoming the Stranger

Moving to a new land is always disorienting. The Church has a great opportunity to show Christ's love in action through welcoming internationals: meeting newcomers at the airport, helping them settle and adjust to life in a new country, inviting them over for a meal, helping out with language or career development skills.

Evangelism and Discipleship

To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow Jesus. As the Father sent Him, so He sends His followers. The vision is to see the worldwide movement of East Asians disciplined and sent out to their own people and beyond! Pray for Asians returning home with Christ, to thrive and be missional in their home country. Pray for those that go on to other countries to be cross-cultural in mission.

The Challenge

East Asians tend to be open to the gospel while overseas and many make a commitment to Christ through campus ministries. However, there is a great tragedy about ministry to the Asian diaspora. Experience shows that eighty percent of new Christians do not continue in the church when they return to their home countries. Family, societal and governmental pressure, high work demands, and failure to connect with a local church are among some of the reasons for this problem.



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Population

- **Total:** 85 million
 - *(figures from field)*
 - Over 10% of International students globally are from China
 - 28,000 Vietnamese students in Japan
 - 18,000 Malaysian students in the UK
 - 6.2 million Indonesian migrant workers globally

Religions

- **Non-religious**
- **Islam**
- **Buddhism**
- **Animism**

Lord, you know the needs for East Asia's Diaspora. We pray that Asians on the move would hear the gospel and believe. Please help believers all over the world to welcome the stranger. We ask that you would help Asians to return home with Christ, prepared for the pressures they will face, and to continue growing in their faith.