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Dear friend,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I've been blessed with a great opportunity to intern for two years in Japan with Will Hill and James Miyashita. In the last two years, two new churches were planted in Niigata, and I've been invited to learn and work in this rapidly developing ministry. My role will be preaching and teaching in English while I study Japanese at a nearby school. The need for laborers is urgent, and I hope you will help me answer that call.

When I was 5 years old I heard the Gospel, understood it, and believed in Jesus as my only salvation. God blessed me with a family, pastors, and missionaries that gave me an amazing Christian heritage of service and love for soul winning. For over 20 years I've been preaching, teaching, and serving in my local church, and I believe God has called and equipped me to do the same in Japan.

I've tried to think of a way to describe or explain the need in Japan, but it's so staggering it seems unreal. The numbers are fairly straightforward: of the 126,000,000 Japanese people, less than 2 million consider themselves Christian, and that's using the most liberal definition of the word, including many people who have never even heard the Gospel. To put that in perspective, imagine getting up in the morning, leaving your house for school or work, getting a bite for lunch, interacting with colleagues and customers, teachers and students, then going out for supper before heading home for the night. It was a busy day passing hundreds, possibly thousands of people, but in Japan, it's possible that none of those people would be Christian. In fact, it's possible that none of them had ever heard the truth about Jesus.

Put simply, Japan needs more laborers immediately. It would be an overwhelming task except for the power of the Gospel. Jesus gave us the authority and resources to reach Japan, and I want to be part of that. My hope is that you do, too. So here's my request: to get a 2-year student visa, learn the language, and live and work in the ministry, I need \$50,000 and a whole lot of prayer!

I trust that if you read this, you will pray for me, but will you take the extra step to help me financially? Any amount will be a blessing and let me know you're invested in reaching Japan with the Gospel. You can make a one-time or recurring donation online through my home church's website (www.lighthouse-baptist.com/give), or you can mail a check (329 Harmony Church Rd, Dawsonville, GA 30534). Either way, I really appreciate your support.

Ready to Go,
Chris Hill

Cost breakdown:

Flight		\$2,000
Language school	\$7,500 per year	\$15,000
Apartment	\$500 per month	\$12,000
Transportation	\$500 per month	\$12,000
Food	\$400 per month	\$9,600
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Total		\$50,600