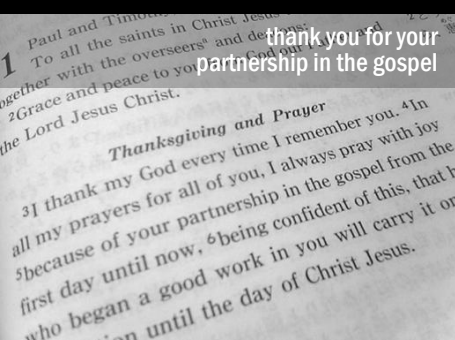




Marunouchi - Tokyo station



### location >>

Grace City Church Tokyo wants to impact Tokyo strategically. The new church plant will focus on the southeast part of Central Tokyo. This is the area around Tokyo Station with the international financial district Marunouchi, but also includes the political center of Kasumigaseki, concentration of media around Shiodome, and the residential redevelopment along Tokyo Bay in the direction of Shinagawa. The high profile of this area attracts a growing number of young urban people who work and increasingly live in this area.

### finances >>

Church planting in city center Tokyo is very much needed, but also expensive. To cover the cost of evangelism, renting a facility, salary and expenses for the church planter, Grace City Church Tokyo has an estimated budget of \$180,000 a year. Initially only about 30% will be raised in Japan through the sacrificial giving of other churches, individuals, and church members. Grace City Church Tokyo aims to be financially independent in 2014. Will you support us in the mean time to make this essential church plant in Tokyo possible ?

### partnership >>

Please pray for this venture: for God to work in Tokyo, affecting this city and its young professionals through the Gospel of Grace, for the team, and for the necessary funds to be raised. You can help by mobilizing prayer and funds. Or contribute yourself by making a check (all gifts are tax-deductable) out to:

Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
Tokyo Project Acct. #23617

Please send your check to:  
Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
1359 Broadway, FL4, New York, NY 10018-7102

### connect >>

Please send an email for more information, if you would like to receive the newsletter, or know how to be involved.

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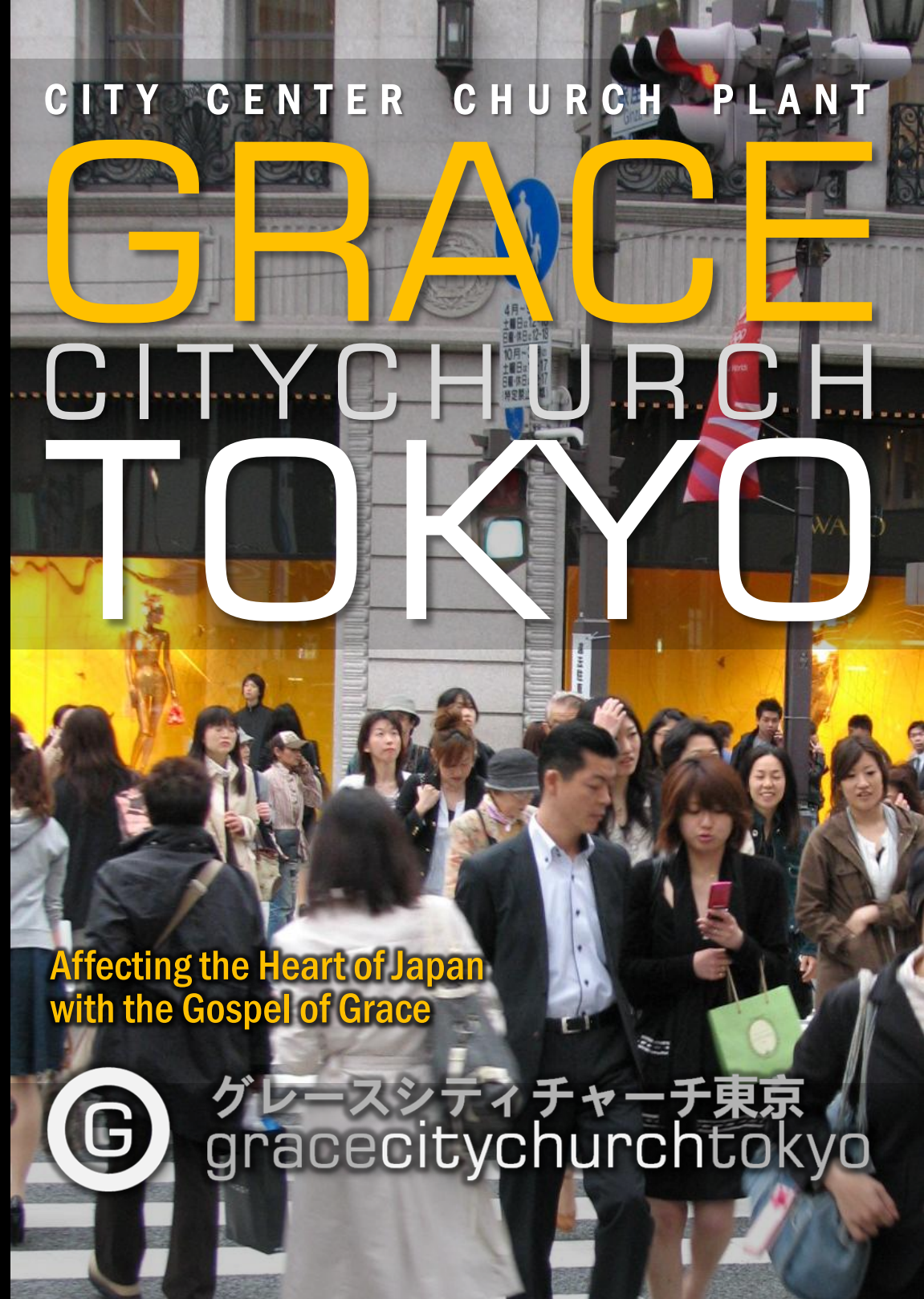
CITY CENTER CHURCH PLANT

# GRACE CITY CHURCH TOKYO

Affecting the Heart of Japan with the Gospel of Grace



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Rev. Makoto and Michiru Fukuda



Geert and Eline de Boo



Roger and Abi Lowther



Seima and Naoko Aoyagi

## the team >>

God has been preparing the hearts of Rev. Makoto Fukuda (45), his wife Michiru (42) and their four teenage children for many years towards ministering in central Tokyo. They have acknowledged and obeyed God's call towards starting a gospel-centered church planting movement in central Tokyo, and took a leap of faith in the fall of 2008 by moving to central Tokyo. They gave up many comforts for the progress of the Kingdom by leaving behind a blooming Presbyterian church in Yokohama that Rev. Fukuda pastored for over 18 years. Their faith and vision for church planting in central Tokyo, their gifts, experience and servant-leaders' hearts are a promising asset for the new church.

Before being called and trained for overseas ministry, Geert (35) and Eline (36) de Boo worked as young urban professionals with careers in politics and urban design. Their professional experience and call to urban missions, brought them with their three children to Japan, sent by the Reformed Mission League (GZB) of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands to support a gospel-centered church planting movement in Tokyo. Geert and Eline de Boo have a strong call to follow Christ and serve the city by reaching out to young professionals right where they are.

Mission to The World missionaries Roger (35) and Abi (32) Lowther with their three children are preparing to join the team in the fall of 2009. As professional musicians, Roger and Abi will use their talents in many different ways to encourage a church planting movement in Tokyo. They will assist the church in reaching out through the arts of the city. Both have a passion to see artists use their talents to spread the message of the gospel in ways that engage and challenge the culture of Tokyo and Japan.

Like more than 99% of the people of Japan, Seima (36) grew up in a non-Christian home. At 17, God met him through his friend, and changed his life. Being married with Naoko (36), Seima started college ministry with MTW and served for 7 years. This led them to pursuing further theological training. After graduating from Covenant Seminary Seima was ordained as pastor in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a missionary with Presbyterian Mission International (PMI). God has called Seima and Naoko with their four children back to Japan to be a part of this church planting movement in Tokyo from summer 2010. They are thrilled to be a part of God's redeeming work in the city which they love and which needs the Gospel so desperately.

## TOKYO CENTER CITY CHURCH PLANT GRACE CITY CHURCH TOKYO

Rev. Makoto Fukuda, his wife Michiru, and other team members are planting a new church in the center of Tokyo. It envisions to be a new community called to glorify God by loving and serving the city. It will focus on providing relevant answers from a gospel centered perspective to the many questions that young professionals aged between 20 and 40 struggle with on a daily basis. Issues like the meaning of work, stewardship of money or relationships. Together we will seek social justice and renewal of society. We believe that the Gospel will not only renew these people's lives, but that it will also affect culture and change the city. As Jesus became incarnate and lived amongst us in a world where so much is wrong, that way we want to be present in the city. Sharing in the lives of the people we reach out to. Sharing from the grace we receive from God. The church will offer a safe community literally in the middle of the buzz of the city. Besides Sunday worship services, small groups and special outreach events will provide opportunities for growth, pastoral care, fellowship, teaching and evangelism. The church plant will be an incubator for young church planters to start new churches in central Tokyo in the near future. This first church is part of a larger church planting movement. To reach the target group of hundreds of thousands or even millions of unreached young professionals, many new churches will be needed affecting the city and society with the gospel of grace. The Church Planting Center of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York assists the team through coaching.

A new community in Tokyo called to glorify God by loving and serving the city.

"The gospel alone can give us the humility ("I'm a sinner - don't have all the answers, I have much to learn from the city"), yet the confidence ("I have Christ - I have much to give to the city") and the courage ("I don't need people's approval to feel significant, I don't need comfy life to feel secure, I don't need to be surrounded by people just like me - since my own master moved in with hostile people and loved and served them; I have nothing to fear from the city") to be effective in the city."

[Dr. Timothy Keller of New York's Redeemer Presbyterian Church on "Why the city?"]