

Daily Devotion For July 23, 2021

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

Today is the opening of the XXXII Olympics in Tokyo Japan. Although it is 2021, the Olympics retains the name Tokyo 2020 for marketing and branding purposes.

It is estimated that there will be 11,238 athletes from 205 nations. Several months ago, I received letters from a number of different Christian ministries asking me to donate to their mission. Their hope, desire and prayer is to send missionaries to Japan who will be able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of Japan as well as those who are traveling to Japan for the games.

From August of 1983 to July of 1986 I had the opportunity to serve with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Japan. Most of that time was spent on the northern most island of Hokkaido in the city of Sapporo. The Christian population of Japan is estimated to be less than 1%. It is a nation that is in desperate need of hearing the Gospel.

During these Olympic Games, pray for the nation of Japan that through the efforts of the local churches, missionaries and mission organizations that a clear presentation of the gospel will be made and that many will come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Thought For Today: What does it mean that God so loved the world? What were the circumstances that led you to believe in Jesus.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that the hearts of the Japanese and people from around the world will have the opportunity to hear the Good News of the Gospel and respond to Christ. Pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.