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IDO HOUSE



IDO HOUSE FIRM FOUNDATIONS



*Christ's Kingdom expanding in Japan through
Hospitality, Generosity, and Invitation*

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VISION

At the heart of our mission is God's promise:

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." Isaiah 56:7

and the same heart of Jesus' invitation to the Samaritan woman:

"The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth..." John 4:23

Ido House exists to be that house of prayer, a living well in the spiritually dry landscape of Shikoku, Japan. A place that invites people in, refreshes thirsty souls, and calls others into becoming authentic worshippers of Jesus.

In John 4, Jesus met a woman at a well who was far from God, offering her living water that satisfied her thirst forever. Inspired by this encounter, Ido House (井戸 - Japanese for "well") will be a stopping place for the weary, both spiritually and physically, where people come, find refreshment, and meet Jesus.

Here, we will offer:

- Prayer-centered worship that aligns our hearts and passions with God
- Community-building where locals and travelers gather, rest, and grow
- Service to neighbors, meeting both spiritual and practical needs
- Training and fellowship focused on a generational movement that equips missionaries and nationals for discipleship and evangelism

Psalm 22:27 "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you."

OUR WHY & SPIRITUAL CLIMATE



- Less than 1% of people in Japan identify as Christian, making Japan one of the least reached nations in the world. In Shikoku, an island of 3.63 million people, there's as little as .4% Christians and less than 100 churches across the entire region.
- Christian churches are few and often small and shrinking, especially outside major cities, with the number of total pastors lessening due to age and lack of new leadership.

- Shikoku is widely known for the 88-Temple Pilgrimage, a centuries-old Buddhist pilgrimage route walked by about 150,000–300,000 seeking people each year.
- This pilgrimage reflects a deep spiritual curiosity. For many participants it's a search for peace, meaning, and "enlightenment" rather than a relationship with Jesus.

Ido House is uniquely positioned to be a light in this context, a place where people who are "far off" can genuinely encounter the living God and receive the living water Jesus offers. Being positioned at the heart of the town, in the middle of the historic walking street that leads to these temples, and where locals and school aged children commute, we know we are, without a doubt, where God wants us to be to establish His house.

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Romans 10:14-15

TESTIMONIES

One day we were walking outside of our house and ran into a couple we'd not met before. Just after a 90 second interaction, they felt drawn to come back to our house spontaneously three days later to talk with us. The wife grew up in rural Japan with no religion or belief in God, while the husband grew up in Canada in an atheist household. As we invited them in for coffee, we began to share with them our faith to which the husband goes, "Up until this point in my life I had rejected all ideas of God, recently I started to explore Buddhism, but what you're saying feels correct and like truth. I want to know more and learn." They both left with their first bibles and received prayer for the first time in their lives. We met them the week they were moving to a different region, right on time as their hearts were open. They are still reading the Bible and message us with questions and things they're curious about.

When out for ice cream with our children one day we met three women between 60 and 95 years of age. We felt compelled to share the gospel with them. One of the women kept saying how she couldn't believe she was meeting a Christian in her area and how she had read about the gospel and heard Jesus would return and she had been wanting to talk with someone about it. She wanted to know, "Is it all true? Will Jesus be returning?" She said she had felt today would be significant and she felt her life was changed from this exchange, her joy was immense as she received this new found truth that Jesus is God and He would be returning. We believe there are many in Japan who are hungry to know truth, but the workers and resources are few.

Just two weeks into living in our new home, we ran out to quickly buy light bulbs to light up the downstairs open space. We put out toys, a small bounce house, books, and then swung open our doors for the lantern festival happening that evening. Within three hours we had around 60 people with their children enter our space to connect and play, many excited to welcome us and have us open our space in the future as a place for them to come connect! We believe this is a glimpse of who we will pour into when we build it out and open our doors to serve the community.

THE MISSION

BY FOCUSING ON OUR FOUR AREAS OF IMPACT (WORSHIP, ENGAGEMENT, LANGUAGE, AND THEOLOGY), WE WILL BUILD A BRIDGE CONNECTING THE PEOPLE OF UCHIKO WITH OBEDIENT FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST JESUS.

*"WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM WILL NEVER THIRST."
JOHN 4:14*



- 01** **Worship** – Making Jesus the center of everything we do, rooted in prayer and Spirit-led devotion.
- 02** **Engagement** – Living among our neighbors with love and presence; building authentic relationships through shared meals, conversations, service, and community life.
- 03** **Language** – Learning Japanese deeply so that ministry isn't just translated, but truly shared in heart-to-heart connection.
- 04** **Theology** – Rooting everything in the truth of God's Word, focusing on discipleship and reproducing biblically grounded believers in the culture.

**At its core, our mission is simple but profound:
"To know Jesus, be known by Him, and make Him known."**

VALUES

These three core values are not just statements, they are the rhythms that shape our ministry, culture, and relationships no matter the size. Ido House isn't about building a structure first, it's about building lives of worship, community, and Jesus-centered living that draw others in. These values guide our daily life, ministry strategy, and long-term mission in Shikoku.

Generosity: There is none more generous than our Father God. John 3:16 makes His love for the world known, and that there isn't anything He would withhold from us based on the standard of giving His only Son, Jesus. We can only be generous because we realize that all that we have is not actually ours, but His.

Hospitality: It was a powerful lesson for us to realize that even in our view of being hospitable, we were thinking small. We want to be great hosts, no matter where we are. We aren't limited by our home because we host His Presence (the Holy Spirit) throughout His whole Kingdom (the world).

Invitation: In everything that Jesus did, even His most divisive sounding moments ("eat my flesh, drink my blood"), were moments of invitation. The disciples, the rich young ruler, the sick, the burdened. All were invited to come close and be healed. We must carry the heart of Jesus and invite all to experience Him.



WHO WE EXIST TO SERVE



Ido House exists to reach those who are far from God and in need of living water, a people searching for hope, belonging, and rest in a weary land. Just as Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, Ido House will be a place where anyone can come; the poor, the weary, the seeker, the believer, and leave refreshed, filled, and invited into true worship of the Father. Any time we open our doors, people are trying to come in and excited about what we are bringing to the community. One neighbor said, "It reminds me of the last supper where Jesus sat among them at the table."

Local:

Men, Women, and Families in Need of Community: Even with both parents working, a family with three or four kids might only be bringing in around \$30,000 a year and struggling to make ends meet. While 47% of single family homes have less than \$12,500 per year. Parents often have limited support, and children are left without consistent care or community in the afternoons after school hours or the proper school supplies. Ido House will be a place of safety, care, and belonging, offering community, practical classes, and bible studies for families and their children. We'd also like to provide practical support through monthly groceries and beginning of the year school supplies support.

The Elderly and the Isolated: In Japan, many elderly men and women, live alone, carrying deep emotional and spiritual burdens. Some are aging in broken-down homes, and many face illness and death in isolation. With a dying population and many young people headed off to the cities to chase their dreams, many elderly can no longer tend to their daily needs. Ido House will be a place where they are seen, known, and loved, offering presence, prayer, hospitality, and practical help to those often forgotten.



WHO WE EXIST TO SERVE PT.2

Transient:

Pilgrims Seeking God: Shikoku is home to a famous pilgrimage trail that draws about 150,000 to 200,000 people each year from across Japan and around the world, all seeking enlightenment, peace, and meaning. Ido House will be a stopping point along the way, where we can share the Gospel and effectively “put a pebble in their shoe” for them to ponder as they continue on their journey.

Travelers and Visitors Passing Through: Our historic street welcomes approximately 90,000 visitors each year. Many come for culture, history, and exploration, but few encounter the Gospel. Ido House will be a place where travelers can hear the Word of God and carry the message of living water back home with them.

Body of Christ:

Local Believers and Missionaries: In a region with few churches and missionaries, isolation is common, even among believers, and is often labeled “the missionaries graveyard,” because of this, Ido House will also be a place of unity and fellowship, a spiritual family where Christians and missionaries can gather for prayer, encouragement, worship, and mutual strengthening as we labor together for the Gospel.

“For there is no partiality with God.”

Romans 2:11

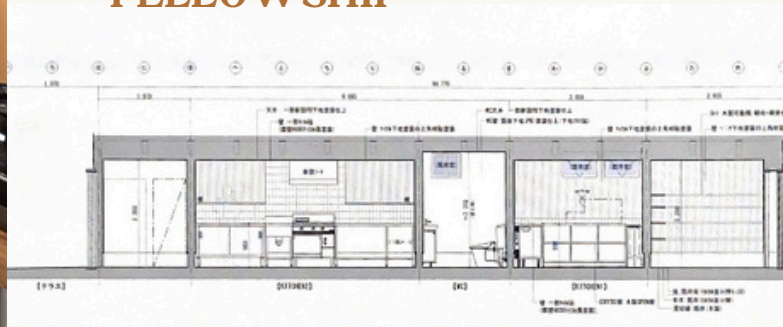
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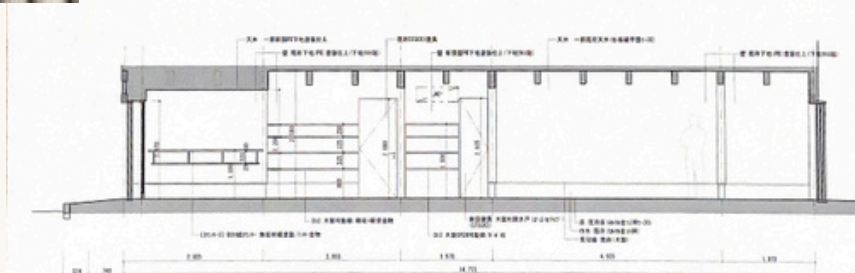
COMMUNITY TABLE,
KITCHEN, CAFE AND
LEARNING SPACE



AREA FOR CHURCH;
WORSHIP, PRAYER AND
FELLOWSHIP



CHILDREN'S AREA,
CLASS AND EVENT SPACE,
AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
INITIATIVES





PLAYGROUND AND OUTDOOR SEATING

GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED
SPACE FOR VISAS AND
RESIDENCY FOR LONGTERM
MISSIONARIES





PROJECTED COST

Total: \$200,000

CONSTRUCTION: \$130,000

\$89,300 Construction, Kitchen Buildout, Installation, Machines, & Playground (doors, sink, ceiling, walls, floors, gas & water lines, counters & tables, playground, air cons - all materials, construction labor & fees)

\$10,700 Designer & Coordinator

\$18,000 Cafe space set up, construction & machines

\$12,000 Community center learning materials, Kids indoor area, Seating, Furniture, Signage, Product, Plates/Utensils/Cups.

FIRST YEAR MINISTRY & EVENTS: \$70,000

Phase 1 by April 29th: \$100,000

Construction and build out beginning May 1st

Phase 2 by July 1st: \$30,000

Filling in the space to finish it out

Phase 3 by August 1st: \$70,000

Ministry expenses and costs for Ido House for a year

HOW TO PARTNER

1 BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

Help us spread the vision by sharing this opportunity with 10–15 friends, family members, your church, or business partners. Invite them to join in giving, either through a one-time gift or monthly partnership, to help see Ido House Church and Community Center built.

2 BECOME A BUILD PARTNER

Commit to a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for 6–12 months toward the construction of Ido House. To put the need into perspective: If 100 people gave \$2,000 one time or \$300 per month for 6 months, the build would be fully funded by July! Every gift, large or small, helps lay the foundation.

3 BECOME A SUPPORTER

Join us through ongoing monthly giving to support ministry operations; worship, prayer, outreach, hospitality, children's programs, and community care, ensuring that Ido House continues to serve faithfully long after the doors open.

THE INVITATION

We invite you to join us in establishing a firm foundation for Ido House in Uchiko, Japan.

Once funded, we will have enough to build a space that will allow us to minister to the heart of God through prayer and worship. It will also provide the resources to serve others, creating a place where the unreached can encounter Jesus and become true worshipers of Christ.

Practically, this space will help establish a more financially sustainable future for Ido House by creating new streams of income that strengthen and equip the ministry. Through this, we are able to live out one of our core values, to be a people of generosity who reflect the heart of God. It also provides a meaningful way for us to work among the people, contributing to the community in a tangible and relational way. It will allow us to sponsor long-term visas for missionaries, providing them the opportunity to be equipped and trained for mission work in Japan. This also serves as a clear demonstration to the government that we are an active and established ministry. Your gift sets the foundation for spiritual, financial, and logistical success for generations to come.

This is an invitation beyond any one family or ministry. It is a work that requires the unity, prayer, and support of the body of Christ to establish. What we are building is not only for today or tomorrow, but for lasting spiritual impact in Japan for generations to come, a well of living water that will continue to draw the thirsty long after the foundation is laid.

HOW TO GIVE: CLICK OR SCAN



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