

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Claire Gelder in Japan

USPG Mission Companion

In their own words

'The children learn acceptable behaviour and have developed a sense of responsibility. They have stability in their lives and are learning skills that will help.'

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Japan factfile

Capital: Tokyo
Languages: Japanese
Religion: Shinto and Buddhist 84%, other 16% (including Christian 0.7%)
Export: Transport equipment, motor vehicles, semiconductors, electrical machinery, chemicals
Further reading:
www.japantimes.co.jp
www.missionjapan.org

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USPG's support of Claire Gelder is about providing solidarity with a minority church seeking to establish its identity.



About this Project...

▶ **Target: £9,810 / €13,080 | Project 369**

Life is hard for children from Japan's Filipino community, both economically and socially; with no legal status access to education is limited. Many have been born in Japan to Filipina mothers. The Nagoya Youth Centre in Chubu Diocese is working amongst these children providing them with an education, including lessons in Filipino culture. Supported by USPG, Claire Gelder works at the centre teaching English to the Japanese community. Claire's work is part of the wider outreach programme of the centre. The Anglican church in Japan is very small and Claire's

post enables the church in these islands to stand in solidarity with the church in Japan as it seeks to affirm its identity and create opportunities for individuals at the edges of Japanese society.

The centre runs a soup kitchen for the homeless, supports death row inmates and other prisoners, and lobbies the government on matters relating to the death penalty and migrants. USPG is committed to supporting Claire's work at the centre.

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