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# The View From JAPAN...

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### GA is On The Way!

*Years of preparation finally pay off as the big week arrives*

As the clock continues to countdown, the excitement among the brothers and sisters of Japan Presbytery continues to grow. It really is true -- **GA 2008** is only a few days away!

Hosting the General Assembly of our denomination is never an "easy" job, as many can attest. But dealing with arrangements across cultures and languages, and in a place as expensive as Japan, has put tremendous pressure on both the leadership in Japan as well as



*Pastors, elders and youth enjoy a good laugh during another marathon meeting in preparation for GA*

those in the GA office in Memphis. Thanks to God, we see the final pieces falling into place, and we can't wait for our brothers and sisters from all over the world to join us.

If you are coming to GA, get ready for a thrilling week. If you can't come, then pray for safe travels and God's blessings!



### Pray for JAPAN

Here are some of our prayer items for the coming weeks:

---The **General Assembly** will be here in just a few days (starting June 6th). Don't stop praying for this historic event. There is no way to yet see how God will lead our church over the coming decades, but we will surely look back to this time as a turning point.

---Pray for **Pastor Orlando Garcia** and our **Sagamino International Worship**. Even as members of our team come and go, we continue to seek new ways of meeting new people in our community.

---Pray for the **Worship Team from Hong Kong** coming to Japan for GA. They will be doing street evangelism with youth of Japan Presbytery, and also helping at the new **Asahi Friendship Day Service**. Pray they will be well-prepared and that their time of mission in Japan will be fruitful.

### Asahi Friendship Mission Point

On April 13th, 2008, Japan Presbytery celebrated the opening of the **Asahi Friendship Mission Point**. Located near Tsurugamine Station of the Sotetsu train line, the mission is headed by **Pastor Suzuki** and his wife, **Wakana**. Using the ground floor of a local building, their outreach will focus on what is called a "day service" -- basically a government-supported program to provide help, companionship, and entertainment to elderly persons who then return to their own homes each evening. It's a dearly needed program, and a great way to meet families in the community. Pray for this new mission work!



*Rev. Suzuki (2nd from L) and staff at the Grand Opening ceremony*



### Youth in Japan Hold Pre-GA Worship Event

Worship, games and snacks were enjoyed by all at this May 25th event, held at Kibogaoka CP



Church. The time of worship was led by the Presbyterian Youth Worship Team, in anticipation of several youth events which will be held during GA.



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