Kumamoto city, Japan

Kumamoto (coo-mah-moh-toh) City, the capital of Kumamoto Prefecture in Japan, is located in the heart of Kyushu Island. Bordered on the north by the Fukuoka-Kitakyushu metro area, on the east by Mt. Aso, an active volcano, and on the west by a natural bay port facing the East China Sea, Kumamoto seems to be quite the ordinary regional city.

The Japanese of Kumamoto are independent and very proud of their heritage. Presently, they are working hard to become one of the nationally recognized Metro Areas, with a population of “Greater Kumamoto” projected to be 1.4 million. The President of Kumamoto University said the city is characterized by “RGB”, the three primary colors of light: red for the active volcano Mt. Aso which is near the city, green for the “City of Forests” mountains within the city and blue for an endless pure supply of high quality water from an underground supply.

Kumamoto Castle is the city’s most famous landmark, known for its unscalable J-shaped stone walls and its large wooden overhangs designed to repel invading ninja warriors. However, during the Satsuma Rebellion, also know as the Southwest Civil War, an assault on the castle produced a 53-day long siege. The castle was sacked and burned leaving tens of thousands of civilians, Samurai warriors, and soldiers dead.

Most people have not heard of this castle or battle but they have either seen or heard of the popular movie, “The Last Samurai”, based on this battle and filmed in Kumamoto. Just as the castle was under siege during that battle, the souls of over 1 million people living in Kumamoto are under siege by the one who would keep them bound in darkness and from knowing the Truth.

Prayer Starters

• Pray that the light of truth will penetrate the hearts of people in Kumamoto and the City of Forests will become the City of Light, reflecting God’s glory and impacting all of Japan for Christ.

• Over 1 million souls are in bondage and darkness. Pray that they can hear the Gospel message and be delivered and set free in Christ.

• Pray that Japanese in Kumamoto will embrace the Living Water who will quench their spiritually parched souls and give them life everlasting.

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