

## TOMITA



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**JAPAN**

### LANGUAGE

Japanese  
English

### MINISTRY PRIORITY

Education

### BIRTHDAY

4/14



### LOCATION

Japan



### ABOUT

SHIGEMI serves as an international associate global servant through a unique partnership between International Ministries (IM) and Kanto Gakuin University. She completed her PhD in Christian studies and was ordained in Canada. Shigemi now serves in her home country of Japan, where she teaches Bible

and related subjects to university students. She also holds monthly Bible classes for parents. Shigemi speaks at chapel services as a chaplain, serves as an advisor for the university's Christian clubs and represents IM on the Kanto Gakuin's board of directors and board of councilors.



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One of the monthly Bible classes Shigemi holds for parents at a Kanto Gauin's elementary school.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

On the one hand, there is hardly a student in my classes who has ever read the Bible before, and this may often be the case for the rest of the university in Japan. Religious freedom, in a real sense, was only granted recently by the government in 1945. As isolated islands, there have been neither enough Christian materials nor Christian witnesses available for the people here. There is still pressure on different levels given to one who wishes to be a Christian. So, I often feel the challenge as to how to show the Bible in a way that makes sense to listeners and touches their hearts, whether it is in a classroom or during chapel time.

On the other hand, there are always a small number of parents who come to a bible study at KGU's elementary schools, although most of them do not know much about the Bible. Some want to know what their children are learning at school, and others hope to be able to sing the hymns

their children love and keep singing at home. Still others come to re-learn what they heard at a Christian school earlier in their lives.

It appears then that our Christian university and other educational institutions as a whole may be playing an important role in spreading the gospel. This encourages me to keep striving with the anticipation of the harvest to come.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the students of Kanto Gakuin that they come to know Christ.

Pray for the parents who join a Bible class to feel the need to have faith.

Pray that I will grow as a person, Christian, teacher and scholar.

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### SCRIPTURE

*“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.”*

Ecclesiastes 12:13b (NIV)