

## Mike Wagner

Special Assignment Missionary to Japan



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Mike has been in his current position at Tamasei since 1998; he also ministers at Hagiya Church of God. Previously he taught at Chiba Eiwa High School, a non-Church of God Christian school and served at Nerima Church of God. Over the years, he has had the privilege of serving in various capacities within the local and national church in Japan.

Mike graduated from Anderson University with a major in Christian education and a minor in sociology. While working in retail, he was actively involved in lay ministry at First Church of God in Shelby, Ohio, his home church since junior high. He served in various areas, including music, children's education, and leadership development. During his childhood, Mike's family moved frequently, and he has fond memories of many different Church of God congregations they attended.

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