

Bernie Barton
Missionary to Japan



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- Pastoring the Tamagawa Church

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Additionally, Bernie **serves** in orientation camps for 150+ first-year junior high school girls (7th grade) and 190 first-year senior high school girls (10th grade). It is a time for new students to get to know each other and for the school to introduce the Bible, faith in Christ, and give opportunity for girls to choose “Christ for Life.” Again, Bernie is thankful for your prayers that do support these significant events in the life of **Tamagawa Seigakuin**.

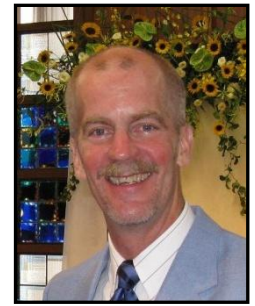
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