



# JOSHUA & AMY DURDEN

## BIMI MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN

### CARRYING THE CROSS TO THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN

# 2013



#### MISSION AGENCY

Baptist International  
Missions, Inc.  
Chattanooga, TN  
[www.BIMI.org](http://www.BIMI.org)

#### SENDING CHURCH

Lakeside Baptist Church  
Clearwater, SC  
Pastor Tad Marshall  
[www.besidethelake.com](http://www.besidethelake.com)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- We begin a one to two year part-time internship at our church.
- Amy begins her one year online West Coast Baptist Bible College degree.
- For the health and safety of our family.
- For the lost souls of Japan to come to know Christ as their personal Savior.

## GOALS

- Learn the Japanese language
- Work with independent Baptist missionaries and national pastors to see many of the lost souls saved for Christ.
- Disciple precious souls of Japan as well as establishing Yahweh Baptist Church. Lord willing, we will turn that church over to a national pastor and continue to establish other independent fundamental Baptist churches.
- Help to establish a Baptist College and to see others trained in the Word of God.

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# LUKE 4:18, 19

What do you think of when you see a dot on a map? A representation of a capital? How big is the whole world in light of one city? What most do not see is the number of souls in one little dot. Often the dot is too small to represent the amount of people accurately. Besides the capital, each country has many cities and towns covering the rest of the country. Missionaries can reach only a fraction of these locations; each city cannot be fully reached, much less the whole country by only one missionary. Japan has approximately 127 million souls. Sounds like a large need, right? The need for more missionaries here is great.

Each one of the precious souls of Japan needs to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sadly, many remain lost—with many practicing Shintoism or Buddhism. The economic growth and social stability has given a false sense of security to the people of Japan, and has disillusioned them to the need of the Savior. We must go and show them the truth. We are Joshua and Amy Durden, missionaries with Baptist International Missions, Inc., sent out of Lakeside Baptist Church in Clearwater, SC under the ministry of Pastor Tad Marshall.

## JOSHUA'S SALVATION TESTIMONY AND MISSIONARY CALLING:

I was saved at the age of 23 at my youth pastor's house on Friday night, July 11, 2008—the night my life changed forever. I had made two professions of faith before, but after talking with my youth pastor, I knew that I was missing a real, personal relationship with Christ. Two months later on the last Sunday night of September in 2008, God called me to preach. I enrolled in Victory Baptist College, located in North Augusta, SC, in January of 2009. The Lord graciously helped me to step away from a 15 year career in boxing the first night of my second semester. I felt called to missions in March 2010, at our church's second annual missions' conference. I was not sure where God wanted to place me in the ministry until Missionary David Harris (now Far East Director with BIMI) presented his work on Japan. God gripped my heart for the people of Japan. I went forward at the end of the service and told God that I would go. Two nights later, Amy surrendered her heart to missions as well, and God confirmed in my heart that Japan was where He wanted us. God reaffirmed my calling at Camp BIMI the next year, and I began preparation for the mission field of Japan. Amy and I are looking forward to shedding the light of the precious Word of God to the unreached souls of Japan.

## AMY'S SALVATION TESTIMONY AND MISSIONARY CALLING:

I was saved when I was just 8 years old under the preaching of Pastor Bill Reese (founder of Lakeside). The Lord brought Josh and me together, and we were married in March of 2010. The Lord blessed us with little Abigail on September 8, 2011. I was called to missions during our church's second annual missions' conference, where Bro. David Harris presented his work. God has broken my heart for the people of Japan. I will begin this January 2013, in taking one year of Bible College at West Coast. Josh and I serve in Awanas, sing in the choir, and are active in the many ministries of Lakeside Baptist Church.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE PRAY FOR US AS WE CHART THE COURSE GOD HAS SET BEFORE US.

