

# JOSHUA & AMY DURDEN

BIMI MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN



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

### MILES TRAVELED

➤ **28,121**

### CHURCHES VISTED

➤ **67**

### SUPPORT RAISED

➤ **42%**

### PICTURES OF OUR TRAVELS ...



April, 2014

Dear Pastors, Partners, and Praying Friends,

Wednesday, April 3, 2014 will mark one year that we have been on deputation. It was that night in Oxford, Alabama that we officially began after just arriving back 2 weeks prior from our survey trip in Kobe, Japan. We have watched God do what seemed to be the impossible. We have been in a total of 67 churches, 16 mission conferences, and have traveled a total of 28,121 miles. We have 21 supporting churches, 1 individual supporter, and have miraculously watched our support increase to 42%. Just in March, the Lord allowed us to pick up 6 new supporters. What a mighty God we serve! This we have learned since taking that first step of faith in beginning deputation.

Our travels during March took us to Virginia, throughout South Carolina, and to Georgia. We are so grateful to each of the Pastors that allowed us the opportunity to present our ministry for the precious souls of Japan. We were grateful to once again meet new faces and to establish more friendships as we are on the road. Everyone has treated us so well and has been so kind and gracious to us. THANK YOU! I was able to preach 4 different times this month. It was a blessing to be able to go back to Axton, Virginia to begin March as I preached at one of our already supporting churches. We had such a wonderful time. During our mission conference in King George, Virginia, I had to get 2 cracks replaced on the windshield. Praise the Lord that our insurance fully covered the damage and cost. We enjoyed going out soul-winning on Saturday morning during the conference. Thank you so much to the family that we got to stay with during the conference. From there we traveled to Central, South Carolina. It was a joy to be a part of the mission conference there and to stay with a very familiar couple. They are out of our home church and have lived in Central now for about 15 years.

Next, it was truly an honor, joy, and privilege for us to be able to be a part of our home church's mission conference. I was able to preach on Tuesday night of the conference. We enjoyed fellowshiping and being reacquainted with our supporting missionary families in Brazil, the Philippines, and in Trinidad. They were such a blessing and an encouragement to us. We love you all and our Lakeside family. From there we traveled to Ringgold, Georgia to finish out March in a mission conference. We had such a wonderful time with the folks and thoroughly enjoyed the conference. We are looking forward to seeing what the Lord will do with this church after completing its 1st annual faith-promise giving mission conference!

As we step into the month of April we will find ourselves traveling to Ohio, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas. We will be in 8 different churches with 3 of those meetings being mission conferences. Continue to pray for our safety as we travel. Amy, Abigail, and Joel are doing just fine. Our van had 70,000 miles on it when we purchased it back in June of last year. It now has almost 106,000 miles on it.

Our prayer as we begin our second year of deputation is that we want to continue to make ourselves servants for the Gospel's sake. We love you all and continue to keep you in our prayers weekly as well. We leave you with the song, "God is so good."

Serving Together With Servants Hearts,

*Josh, Amy, Abigail & Joel Durdin*

Luke 4:18-19

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