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BIMI Missionaries & Far East Director

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The Lord blessed our summer with great events at BIMI. Our first event was our annual Candidate School in June. The Lord gave us 18 new candidates. In addition, there were 8 who were already approved last December and 16 second year missionaries preparing to head to the field.

This was a special Candidate School for our family as our daughter, Jessica, attended as a newly appointed missionary. She joined BIMI in December and completed her ninth year of teaching at Franklin Road Christian School in May. During the summer she helped with activities at BIMI followed by starting full-time deputation in September. She is heading to Christchurch, New Zealand, to serve in the Lighthouse Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed her with meetings and about 30% of her support.

Camp BIMI (bi-me), was an exciting two weeks of ministry as veteran missionaries taught about 120 young people. It was held during two separate weeks in July and allowed for great experiences to learn more about missions. There were missions classes, practical experience lessons, Bible preaching, delicious international meals, hands-on learning, and participation in music. Though these were busy and tiring weeks, it was well worth the effort to see many young people focus on missions and learn how they can be involved both now and in the future beginning in their local churches. We invite you to consider joining us for Camp BIMI 2025! More information can be found at bimi.org.

God is blessing our efforts to take people to the mission field through our BIMI Connect Trips. I was able to take four young men to Japan in May. Two of those are called to Japan. We would love to invite you to join us for future trips to see what God is doing around the world. Learn more at bimi.org.

We were blessed to have Josiah home for the summer. He and Jessica were able to go on a missions trip to Scotland after serving during the weeks of ministry at BIMI. They returned in time for Jessica to begin her deputation and for Josiah to wash his clothes, pack his bags, and head to his second year at Golden State Baptist College. This summer Josiah surrendered to the call to preach and announced that the Lord is leading him to return to Japan in the future. Jannah and Juliana are also doing well in their ministries. Please continue to pray for our family as we desire to impact the world with the Gospel. Thank you for praying for us.





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We praise the Lord for a wonderful fall season and amazing meetings! Thank you for praying for us! We had 20 meetings in GA, MS, OH, NE, CO, CA, AZ, WI, OR, WA, ID, MT, GA, and FL, and have driven over 13,000 miles so far since August. We will drive another 5,000 miles before we return home in mid-December. God has been so good giving us so many opportunities to challenge churches about the needs of the harvest.

All was going well in the first half of our trip. After driving to meetings in CO and CA, we were headed to AZ, for a meeting at Pastor Craig Burcham's church. The Burchams worked with us in Japan and were influential in helping us start a church in northern Honshu in 1996. We had just left friends in San Diego and turned onto the on-ramp of the expressway when our van broke down. Despite the difficulties, the Lord helped us every step of the way. He was gracious to allow us to break down within a few miles of a dealer who could start repairs and even gave us a rental free of charge so we could get to our meeting.

We drove back to San Diego to get our van, but the dealer greeted us with the bad news that our transmission needed replaced. I have preached often the truth that God uses distresses to enlarge us (Psalm 4:1), so I knew we needed to trust the Lord. He worked it all out for good as only He can! God kept us safe; watched over us (breaking down anywhere else on the road that day would have put us on mountain or desert roads); helped us reschedule flights to WI for our next missions conference; and amazingly, within just a few days, provided for ALL our expenses (close to \$10,000)! We praise the Lord for some wonderful friends and churches that helped us in our time of need! God is so good! We praise His Holy Name!

After we flew back to San Diego, we drove 18 hours to Summerville, OR. Brother Frank Humber and I were roommates in college. He allowed us to preach in a men's meeting and then in his church. Then, it was on to other wonderful churches and friends in Oregon. Brother Greg Adams and I were in the same youth group in Florida and learned soulwinning under Dr. Ron Reilly. We so enjoyed being in their church in Fossil, OR. From there it was on to churches in Pendleton, OR; Spokane, WA; and meetings in Idaho and Montana.

In mid-November we flew back to TN to preach in our sending church after their missions conference and drove to Florida to challenge students at PCC in their Mission Prayer Band. After Thanksgiving and our winter BIMi Candidate School, we will fly back to Spokane, get our van, and have a couple more meetings before we pick up Josiah at the end of his semester at Golden State Baptist College and start the long drive home to TN.

Pray for us as we work to schedule meetings for 2025. Would you allow us to come to your church and share our burden for Asia, the North Pacific, and the world? God is doing great things! We would love to share what He is doing! Thank you for praying for us and for your support that helps us take the Gospel to the world!

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