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## Travel to Japan & the Philippines

These are **exciting days** as we prepare for a busy season of ministry. We have **four (4) missions trips before the end of May**: Japan, Philippines, New Zealand, and a Connect Trip to Japan in May.

The first two trips are **Field Conferences**. On March 4, we leave Chattanooga for Japan. Our BIMI missionaries will meet in Kobe (ko-bay). Jessica and Josiah are going with us and will conduct children's programs for the children of the missionary families while the adults meet for fellowship, testimonies, and preaching. On March 13, we travel from Osaka to Manila and then down to Iloilo, where we will hold another Field Conference at Brother Rick Martin's church for the families in the Philippines. Our younger missionary families will get to see the Martin's ministry over the weekend before the meeting begins, and our kids will again have a program for the missionary children.

Would you pray about a special need? We are asking the Lord to provide **funds for us** to do some fun things with the **missionary kids** as well as **help some of our families with a portion of their travel expenses** since many of them fly to the meeting and stay in hotels. This would be a great way to encourage about 15 families who will be attending the Field Conferences. The easiest way to do this is to send funds to BIMI earmarked: Missionaries - Far East Fund. The need could be as much as several thousand dollars to include travel costs, but whatever the Lord provides would be a great help and blessing. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

On March 18, we fly from Iloilo to Manila; to Tokyo; to Atlanta; and then home to Chattanooga...about 38 hours of travel time! We arrive in Chattanooga late on March 19. But the fun does not stop there...

## Jessica Headed to New Zealand

Our 3rd trip begins on March 21, when we leave Chattanooga for Christchurch! We will **help Jessica get to her mission field** where she will begin serving in the ministry with her brother-in-law and sister, Sam & Juliana Hutchens. For a single missionary young lady, this is a huge step of faith! Please pray for us and for her!

We will also get to **welcome a grandchild** as Juliana's 5th child (their 2nd boy) is due at the end of March. I will be in Christchurch only a week before heading to Spokane, Washington, to preach a missions conference. Afterward I will return to Christchurch. We are looking forward to helping the work in New Zealand for several weeks. It would be great if the Lord would provide funds to make this an annual or every other year event!

On May 9 we return home to get ready for our 4th trip. It will be a **BIMI Connect Trip to Japan** that is scheduled for **May 13-25**. Our team of ten (10), will get to see the great needs and ministries of Japan! **Would you like to go with us? We still have a couple open spots!** We would love to show you the field we called home for 24 years! There is such a great need for laborers in the land of the 2nd largest unreached people group in the world! This will be our 6th such trip as we work and pray for future laborers. We praise the Lord for three families serving in Japan that joined previous trips and for another couple that met on a more recent trip, later got married, and plan to head to Japan as missionaries in the not-too-distant future. How exciting!

You may be wondering...**why all the traveling back and forth???** Actually, the round-trip costs were much cheaper than connecting flights! The Lord also reminded us to check our accumulated travel miles. The airline was running a special which will allow us to fly round-trip from Chattanooga to Auckland for only the cost of fees (\$102 per person), and about \$100 per person to fly from Auckland to Christchurch! Praise the Lord! He is so good to us! He allows us to serve Him and takes care of all our needs!

*Thank you for praying for us and helping us take the Gospel to Asia and the World!*



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