



# THE HILL FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN

### February 2014



### **My Eye Affecteth My Heart**

There are moments that give you new perspective and change your life. This survey trip was one of those moments. I have studied Japan for the last ten years but I was still not ready for what I saw. I knew that 84% of the population of Japan is Buddhist, Shinto, or both. However, I did not expect to see shrines and temples as common place as churches are in the southeast.

**I witnessed both men and women clapping their hands and ringing bells to get their god's attention, as if he were asleep or on vacation.** Many people wonder why there are such high suicide rates in Japan. Maybe it's like Isaiah said, they pray to gods that cannot save. They can ring those bells until their ears bleed. They can clap until their hands are bruised and battered, but that god will never answer! That statue is dead. It is a stone, carved by man's hands. I am telling you, **millions of people will die in this country and will have never once heard the gospel.**

People have told me before that it is very hard to share the gospel in Japan. I have heard that my ministry there will be extremely difficult, that few will hear, few will listen, and few will be saved. However, **while we were there, we were able to give out hundreds of gospel tracts and the Japanese people did accept them.** We went to five different churches and although they were not mega churches in size, they were all growing. God was using the missionaries and the Japanese pastors to see lives changed through the preaching of His Word. A group of people that once prayed to idols now loves and worships the true Lord. I met a missionary named **Lavern Rogers** who came to Japan 50 years ago and started Chofu Baptist Temple. Since that time, that church has grown to almost 200 people and has a Japanese Pastor. That same church has sent out missionaries across the world! I'll never forget what Bro. Rogers told me while standing in the back of that church. He looked me straight in the eye, and said, **"Look around you. It can be done in Japan."**

I don't know what all God has planned for Rebel and I in Japan, but I do know **there is country-shaking power in the gospel! Satan believes he has a stronghold in Japan that cannot be touched, but he cannot stop the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and the church from utterly destroying those strongholds!** To those of you that support us, thank you for making this possible! To those of you who do not, I pray that you will, so that we can get back to that country and start seeing God work in the lives of the Japanese. My heart and my soul desperately long to be back there! Please help us!



<p><b>Feb. Summary</b></p> <p>Miles driven <b>4,736</b></p> <p>Churches presented <b>11</b></p> <p>New Supporters <b>2</b></p> <p>Miles Flying <b>13,630</b></p>	<p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <p>- Souls would be saved!</p> <p>- New Supporters</p> <p>- That the Message of the Risen Son will rise in the Land of the Rising Sun!!!</p>	<p><b>Thank you to our 2 New Supporting Churches!</b></p> <p><b>45 more partnering Churches needed in order to leave.</b></p>
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