

Biographical Profile of Tim & Kim Melton

Tim

To give you a background for my testimony, I really need to back up and share a bit of my dad's testimony. My dad grew up in southern Illinois in farm country. He did not grow up in a Christian home. He was the second to the youngest of 10 children. When he graduated from high school he joined the air force and was sent to Japan as a radio operator. In Japan a buddy of his started witnessing to him and he got saved. After he was saved he began going out with some missionaries to witness to the Japanese people and caught a burden for Japan. He then dedicated his life to coming back to Japan as a missionary after his tour was over. Upon completion of his tour he moved back to Illinois and began attending a church where he met mom. They were married not too long after and headed for Bob Jones University where dad would prepare for the ministry. Soon I came along and was born on the campus of Bob Jones University in 1960.

When I was 5 years old mom shared the message of the Gospel with my brother and me during our bedtime Bible time ritual one night while dad was at work. That night we both, in simple faith, trusted Christ as our Savior.

In 1965 we moved to Japan where I was raised as a missionary child. Over the years we participated in the ministry in literature distribution, leading singing during services, playing various musical instruments during Sunday services and special evangelistic meetings, teaching Sunday School, preaching, participating in youth activities and camps, etc.

By the time I headed for College at the age of 17 to study for the ministry, I already had some experience in the ministry.

God called me to preach when I was about 13 years old. I have never doubted God's call on my life and have never had the desire to do anything other than serve the Lord, though my service has not always been "full-time."

I graduated with a BA degree in Bible from Bob Jones University in 1983 and soon thereafter began graduate studies part-time as I could.

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Kim

When I was 6 years old, I went forward in a church service to be saved. No one dealt with me and I have no recollection of praying anything. I remember making sure my dress was down as I was kneeling so I wouldn't embarrass myself. After my parents divorced, my mother, brother and I began attending a Southern Baptist Church with my aunt. I was baptized at this time so that I could become a member of the church. I knew my Bible. I was able to answer all the questions, even though I had never prayed anything by myself. Maybe I was never asked if I had prayed. I don't remember. Later, after my mother was remarried to a newly saved man, we began attending Mt. Carmel Community Church. It was fundamental and had a BJU pastor. We grew as a family there, but I began to doubt my salvation. Nine days before my 13th birthday, Dr. Bob Jones III came to preach at special meetings. On the last night, he preached a powerful sermon on hell. I knew that was where I was headed. I went forward after the service and was saved. Alice Wise, a missionary lady to Haiti, dealt with me and led me to the Lord. I was baptized shortly thereafter at Mt. Carmel.

In 1980 I came to Bob Jones University and earned a BA in Speech Education and a MA in Dramatic Productions.

Tim & Kim

In 1987 we were married and soon Tim, was serving as a youth pastor in Maryland. In 1989 we moved back to Greenville, SC where Tim continued his graduated studies. It was during this time that we joined Faith Baptist Church (which has been our home church since then). Our home church pastor, Dr. John C. Vaughn, approached Tim about starting a ministry in Japanese since there were several Japanese companies in the Greenville area. We worked with that ministry for about 8 years until 1999 when the Lord gave us an opportunity to go to Japan to replace Tim's brother and Dad during their furloughs. During those three years, the Lord made it obvious that we should be serving Him here in Japan, so in 2002 we joined Baptist World Mission and started deputation.

In 2005 we began our ministry as missionary-pastor and wife of Calvary Baptist Church in Nagoya, Japan. Not too long after we started working

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with Calvary Baptist Church we started the Nagoya International Baptist Church for English speaking people which over the years has ministered to folks from the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Korea, Vietnam, Indian, China, Australia, Columbia, Brazil, Germany, etc.

When we return from furlough in 2020, we have a goal of beginning a ministry in the neighboring Midori Ward. Eventually, we would like to plant churches in many of the Wards of Nagoya as the Lord would see fit to give us the opportunity, strength and resources.

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