

# Grace Jackson

## *Serving the Lord in* Japan



Dear Pastor,

Thank you for taking the time to review my information. I am excited to fulfill God's calling for my life as I head to the mission field. It has not been easy getting this far but I have seen the Lord direct and provide every step of the way and I am confident that He will continue to do so. (Philippians 4:19)

The Lord has called me to serve Him in the country of Japan. When I first heard about Japan I did not want to go there, in fact, I was very against it. But as I hear about the need in Japan, the Lord began to burden my heart. With less than 1.5% of the population professing any form of Christianity (this would include Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)

There is such a need in this country. The Lord has specifically given me a burden to reach the young people such as the youth and those in University and College. While in the past, most people would say they are Shinto, Buddhist, or both, these days more and more young people are choosing to believe in nothing at all and would say they are agnostic. They are moving away from the traditions and shrines of the past but there are few there to tell them of the hope they could have through Christ. The time is now to reach them.

Would you consider partnering with me to bring the gospel to Japan? I would love to be able to visit your church and share the burden the Lord has given me for this country.

Sincerely'

Grace Jackson

*Grace Jackson*

# Grace Jackson

*Serving the Lord in* Japan



## Ministry goals the Lord has given me so far:

- To assist in children's ministries.
- To assist missionaries and local national churches in church planting.
- To use the gift of music the Lord has given me to reach others through music ministries in the church as well as possible music outreaches.
- To see people saved through my own personal testimony, evangelism, and outreach.
- To be able to disciple young ladies in the church and see them grow and establish a right relationship with the Lord.
- To be able to reach young people in the area through outreach, events, and Bible studies.

## Education:

West Coast Baptist College (2020)

Bachelor of Religious Education

Major in Missions

## Experience:

Teaching

K5 teacher at Temple Baptist School, Herndon, VA (2022-2023)

Music

Violin -19 years of experience

Piano – 7 years of experience

Hurdy gurdy (medieval stringed instrument) – 2 years of experience

Teacher for Antelope Valley Music Academy (2018-2020)

Concert mistress and orchestra mentor Ashburn youth symphonic orchestras (2015-2018)

Member of International Youth Orchestra – 2009, 2011, 2015

Temple Baptist Church Orchestra (2014-2018)

Lancaster Baptist Church Orchestra (2018-2020)

Writing and arranging special music accompaniment (2018-2023)

Ministry experience

Children's church, special music, bus, Barnabas ministry team (WCBC), extension church ministry (WCBC), Church planting team Tehachapi (WCBC)

Missions Board

Baptist International Missions Inc.

Accepted December 2022



**Sending Church:**  
Temple Baptist Church  
45825 Russell Branch Pkwy  
Dulles, VA 20166

**email:** [susangrace.ca@gmail.com](mailto:susangrace.ca@gmail.com)  
**Phone:** (571)458-0660  
**Website:** [gracie2japan.com](http://gracie2japan.com)

**Serving with:**  
BIMI  
PO Box 9  
Harrison, TN 37341



# Grace Jackson

## *Serving the Lord in* Japan



### My Testimony:

I grew up in a Christian home and had the privilege to be led to the Lord by my dad at a young age. When

I first got saved, I loved to share the gospel with people and serve the Lord. However, as I got older, I drifted away from the Lord. Even though my family was part of a good church and involved in ministry my heart was hardened towards the Lord. By the time I was in my teens I doubted whether He existed or not. However, without God there was no hope and I did not want to live in a world without hope or meaning. I began to research whether there was evidence to support a God. If so, was there evidence to support a Christian God, specifically the God of the Bible. The more I looked, the more evidence I found and God began to remove the hardness in my heart until I believed without a doubt that God and the Bible were true and real.

Many years before, I had surrendered my life to God but I was now following the path I wanted to take and was two years into a degree in physics. However, I was still not sure if that was what I wanted to do as a job and could not find anything that seemed to fit. That summer I interned for two weeks at the Bill Rice Ranch and while there, God called me into missions. I knew immediately in my heart that was what I was supposed to do.

The next year, I transferred to West Coast Baptist College and started a degree in missions. While I was at West Coast I had the opportunity to see people saved, serve in ministry, and grow as a Christian. During that time, God used one of my friends in college to call me to Japan. Nearly every day my friend would tell me about the need in Japan and try to convince me to go. However, I was not interested in Japan because I was planning on becoming a medical missionary and there was no need for medical missions in Japan. During one of my college summers, God used a missions trip I was able to take to Uganda to clearly show me that I would not be a medical missionary and would not be going to Africa. In my last year at West Coast, the things my friend had said about Japan kept playing over in my mind. This was accompanied by hearing my missions professor who had also been a missionary in Japan, talk about Japan in my missions classes. Eventually God removed any other desire for me to go anywhere else and I am excited to start serving the Lord there.

# Grace Jackson

## *Serving the Lord in* Japan



### Doctrinal Statement

#### The Bible

I believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God. It was written by human authors whose very words were divinely inspired by the Holy Ghost. It is both infallible and inerrant and as such, is the only source of authority for doctrine and the Christian life. I accept and use the King James Version as the best translation for English speaking people.

(2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Matthew 24:35, Matthew 5:18, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 12:6-7)

#### The Godhead

I believe in one God that exists equally and eternally as three persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God has always existed and will continue to always exist as omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and immutable.

God is perfect in all holiness.

(Matthew 28:19, Isaiah 45:5, Deuteronomy 6:4, John 1:1-3, 1 John 5:7, Psalm 90:2, John 14:26)

#### Creation

I believe that God created the world and everything in it in six literal, 24 hour days according to the Genesis account. I believe that God is still involved with his creation and actively works to sustain it.

(Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:31-2:1, Psalm 33:6, Hebrews 1:3)

#### Jesus Christ

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth, was born of a virgin, and became God in the flesh. He lived a sinless life and willingly offered himself as the substitutionary sacrifice for all of man's sin when he died on the cross. His death on the cross fully satisfied man's payment for sin. He bodily rose from the dead on the third day, ascended to heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God as our advocate.

(Matthew 3:16-17, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 16:16-17, Matthew 1:18, 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 1:1, John 1:14, Matthew 28:6, 1 Peter 2:22, John 3:16, Philippians 2:5-11, 1 John 2:1-2)

#### The Holy Spirit

I believe the Holy Spirit is a person possessing all attributes of Deity. He convicts the lost world of sin and brings the sinner to the point of repentance. He regenerates, seals, indwells, and bestows gifts on the believer for service. The Holy Spirit also teaches and sets aside the believer for a holy life through the process of sanctification. He is the foremost in advancing missions and the gospel around the world.

(John 14:16-17, 16:8, Ephesians 1:13-14, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Acts 5:3-4)

# Grace Jackson

## *Serving the Lord in* Japan



### Doctrinal Statement Continued

#### Sin and Salvation

I believe that man was created in the image of God and by his own choice fell into sin and death. By man's inherent sin nature and man's own sin, they are alienated from the life and family of God with no possible way of reconciliation. Man's only way of salvation is through believing on Jesus Christ's substitutionary death on the cross as the payment for their sins. This is a free gift from God and cannot be earned or bought through any virtue or work of man. It is only received through personal faith in Jesus Christ as their savior. Any person who trusts Christ as their Savior has assurance of the gift of eternal life and a perfect righteous standing before God through Christ Jesus forever. Anyone who rejects this free gift will spend eternity in the lake of fire.

(John 3:16, John 10:28-29, Acts 16:31, Romans 3:23, Isaiah 64:6, Ephesians 2:1-3, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:11-14)

#### The Church

I believe the local church is an organized body of saved and baptized believers. The church recognizes two offices (that of pastor and deacon) and observes two ordinances (baptism and the Lord's supper). The church is the institution the Lord uses to further the proclamation of the gospel message. The body of believers comes together for the purpose of fellowship, edification, service, worship, to proclaim the gospel, and to observe the ordinances. The church is an autonomous body that is distinct from Israel with Christ as its head.

(Matthew 28:19-20, Ephesians 1:22, Acts 2:41-47, Ephesians 4:11-13, Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:12-14)

#### The Second Coming

I believe the Lord may return at any moment and when He does those that are saved will be raptured up to meet Him in the air. Those that are not saved and that remain will endure a 7 year tribulation ending with the return of Christ and the saints where He will reign for a thousand years on earth while Satan is bound. At the end of those a thousand years, Satan will be defeated once and for all, the Great White Throne Judgment and the Judgment Seat of Christ will take place and the Lord will establish the new heaven and the new earth for eternity.

(Revelation 21:1, Revelation 20: 1-3, 1 Thessalonians 4: 16-18, Matthew 24:36, Revelation 20:4, 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58)

#### Separation

I believe that Christians are called to live a life that is set apart from sinful, immoral, unbiblical, influences. A Christian becomes a new creature at the moment of salvation and their life should be a reflection of Jesus Christ's and the working of the Holy Spirit in their life in the process of sanctification.

(Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 2:15-17, 2 Corinthians 6:17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Peter 2:9)

# Grace Jackson

*Serving the Lord in* Japan



Thank you, once again for taking the time to review my information. I look forward to the possibility of partnering with your church in ministry. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, my sending church, or my missions board.

## Recommendations



Pastor David Pittman  
Temple Baptist Church  
Dulles, VA  
Sending Church Pastor



J.B. Godfrey  
Vice President of BIMl



Dr. Schettler  
Evangelist  
Former College professor

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Grace Jackson. Grace is a godly young lady that loves the Lord and wants to serve Him. She feels called to the Japanese people in Japan.

Grace is at Soulwinning regularly and attends our church services faithfully. Her father was one of our deacons, and she comes from a godly home. Grace grew up in our church. We have seen her grow up, go off to Bible college, graduate, and serve the Lord on our school staff. She is our K5 teacher and has done a wonderful job for the Lord.

Grace is worthy of your support and prayers. She will do a wonderful job of winning the Japanese and teaching them of Christ. Grace will be a great blessing to the missionary in Japan with whom she serves. May the Lord bless you as you consider Grace Jackson to be a part of your missionary family.

Pastor David Pittman

Temple Baptist Church

February 8, 2023

Dear Friends,

The population of Japan is less than 1% Christian. Every time I go there, my heart is broken. Over the years, BIMI has had some great missionaries who have worked from the north to the south of this country. We are praying for God to send more missionaries. The Lord has called Grace Jackson to go assist our church planters. It is probably easier to reach women and children than men. Grace will be a big asset to the work of God.

I taught Grace at West Coast Baptist College and she is part of a wonderful church, Temple Baptist Church in Herndon, Virginia. She has been involved in her church. She has a sweet and pleasant spirit and would be a blessing to your church.

I recommend Grace and would be glad to speak with you about her future ministry. You may contact me at [jbgodfrey@bimi.org](mailto:jbgodfrey@bimi.org) or 423-344-5050.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.B. Godfrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J.B. Godfrey

JBG:ljb



To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the privilege to know Susan (Grace) Jackson for about six years as one of her instructors and as Dean of Students. I have known her to be an excellent student with critical thinking skills and a good grasp of any truths I taught. She interacted well with faculty and students and never had a discipline problem. I would hire her to be on any team I was assembling. I've known her to be honest, assertive, and competent. Any further questions you may contact me at (850) 292-2197 or [jim.schettler@wcbc.edu](mailto:jim.schettler@wcbc.edu)

Dr. Jim Schettler

West Coast Baptist College