



# Jessica Harris

## ASSISTING CHURCH PLANTERS IN NEW ZEALAND

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for taking the time to read my burden for missions and what the Lord has called me to do. The Lord has given me a clear opportunity to reach the lost by assisting church planters in the country of New Zealand.

Growing up on the mission field, I have always had a burden in my heart for missions. As I got older, that burden never went away, and I continued asking the Lord where He would have me go. He made it clear during Bible college that He would have me serve Him in a local church in the States. Each year at missions conference, I would again surrender to missions, but the Lord would make it clear that He would have for me to continue serving Him in my local church.

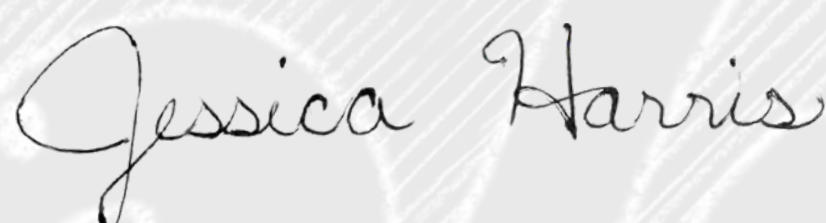
The journey took a significant turn after attending Camp BIMI at Baptist International Missions Inc. It was during this time that the Lord impressed upon me that it was time for me to take the next step towards missions. Subsequently, through prayer and two impactful missions trips, the Lord revealed His plan for me to assist church planters in Christchurch, New Zealand, particularly with the Lighthouse Baptist Church alongside BIMI missionaries Sam and Juliana Hutchens.

My role will encompass various aspects, including children's ministry, music, ladies discipleship, outreach, and the exploration of new avenues such as Bible clubs in schools and outreach at local universities.

I am reaching out to humbly request an opportunity to visit your church and share the vision that God has placed on my heart. Would you consider partnering with me in this mission to reach the people of New Zealand? I believe that together, we can make a significant impact and bring the light of Christ to those in need.

I am available at your convenience to discuss this further or to schedule a time to meet with you and your church family. If you would like to schedule me for a meeting, you can contact me via my contact information below. I will also attempt to contact you with the hope that we can arrange an opportunity for me to share my heart for New Zealand. Thank you for considering my request, and I look forward to the possibility of working together for the glory of God.

For the Gospel's sake,



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### **MISSION BOARD**

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# Preparation

## **Education:**

West Coast Baptist College (2010-2015)  
Bachelors in Bible and Elementary Education  
Masters in Christian Education

## **Ministry Experience:**

Teaching English as a second language at Aomori Grace Baptist Church in Aomori Japan;  
elementary and high school classes at Franklin Road Christian School  
Outreach - Soulwinning and Discipleship  
Other ministries - Nursery, Preschool class, Sunday school, Music, Children's choir, and Bus ministry

## **Work Experience:**

West Coast Baptist College:  
Personal secretary (2010-2015)  
Franklin Road Christian School:  
Elementary teacher (2015-2019)  
Junior high/High school (2020-2024)

## **Mission Board:**

Baptist International Missions Inc.  
Approved - December 2023  
Starting full-time deputation - June 2024





# Statement of Faith

## **The Bible**

I believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God. I believe that He used men to pen those words under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I believe that the King James Version is the preserved Word of God for the English-speaking people and is the version that I will use in my ministry. (Psalm 12:6-7; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

## **Jesus Christ**

I believe that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh and the only Savior of mankind. I believe He came to earth as the son of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and offered Himself on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. I believe that His death on the cross is the only way to an eternal heaven. I believe He resurrected bodily and ascended into Heaven where He now resides until His return. (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 43:11; John 1:1, 3, 14, 18, 29; Romans 3:19-25; Romans 5:6-15; Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Timothy 2:5, 3:16; Titus 2:10-15; Hebrews 7:26, 9:24-28; 1 Peter 1:19, 2:2; 1 John 1:3; Revelation 20:1-6)

## **The Holy Spirit**

I believe the Holy Spirit of God is an equal person of the Godhead who is presently indwelling and directing those who are saved along with advancing the gospel in the world. The Holy Spirit is sent to regenerate, sanctify, seal, and indwell all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1:2; Matt. 28:19; John 3:5-6, 14:16; Acts 1:5, 11:15; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 12:13)

## **Sin and Salvation**

I believe all men were born with an inherited sin nature received from our common ancestor, Adam. I believe that because of his nature, man is a sinner by choice, and he is totally incapable of reforming himself or ceasing from his sin by his own power. I believe the only hope of deliverance for man is a total change of mind concerning his sinful condition and inability to change it, and a turning to Jesus Christ as the only Savior. I believe that only through the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ on the cross can a man be delivered from his sin. I believe that all those who reject Jesus Christ as their Savior are already condemned to an eternity in the lake of fire. (Genesis 5:1-5; Acts 4:19; Acts 16:31; Romans 3:10-23; Romans 5:6-12; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6; Revelation 20:11-14)





# Statement of Faith Cont.

## **The New Testament Church**

I believe the local church is Christ's institution for advancing His gospel and doing His work in the world. The church is made up of those who have been saved and biblically baptized (Acts 2:4; Col. 2:13; Matt. 3:13-17) uniting and faithfully gathering together for the purposes of Bible teaching, worship, prayer, fellowship, service, and observance of baptism and communion. This body is autonomous in nature. (Col. 1:18; 2nd Cor. 8:1-8; Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 1:15, 2:41-43, 11:15, 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Ephesians 1:12-14, 5:25-30; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Timothy 3:4-15)

## **Separation**

I believe that a Christian should grow in grace, living a life that is becoming of the gospel and honoring to Jesus Christ—properly reflecting His love and holiness. I believe in separating from biblical heresy and from sinful, self-destructive, and immoral behavior. (Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 John 9-11; Leviticus 19:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

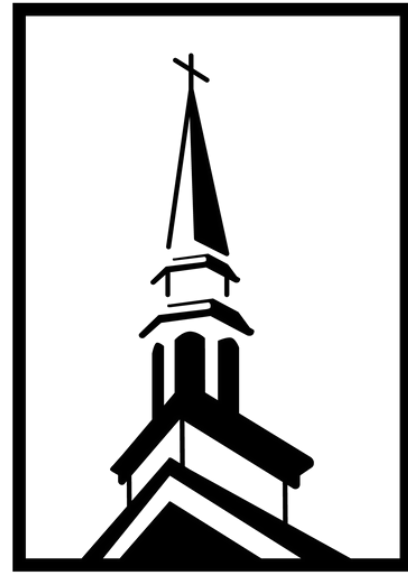
## **End Times**

I believe in the literal interpretation of the Scriptures in context and with a dispensational view of prophecy. I believe that following timeline of future events will go as follows: first, the rapture of the church, followed by a seven-year tribulation and the return of Jesus to the earth, followed by His literal rule of one thousand years ending with the Great White Throne Judgment, culminating with the creation of a new Heaven and new earth. (1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 5:1-9; Revelation 19-22)

## **Giving**

I believe that every Christian is a steward of the material gifts of God entrusted to him. This generosity should be driven by grace (not obligation), empowered by gratitude, and should flow from a willing and cheerful heart for the development of the church and advancement of the gospel. I believe that God did however institute a giving requirement of ten percent of the firstfruits He gives us. (Genesis 14:20; Proverbs 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 6:6; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; 1 John 3:17)





# FRANKLIN ROAD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Pastor or Ministry Leader,

Thank you for taking the time to consider Jessica Harris to become a part of your missions family. As a pastor, I know that you desire the stewardship of your Missions Giving to bear fruit to your account. It is my honor to recommend Jessica to you because I believe she will do exactly that!

As a child, Jessica grew up on the mission field and developed a heart for missions and for lost souls. As a second generation missionary, she not only has the passion needed to reach people but also the practical experience to acclimate to a new culture. This will be invaluable to her success on the mission field.

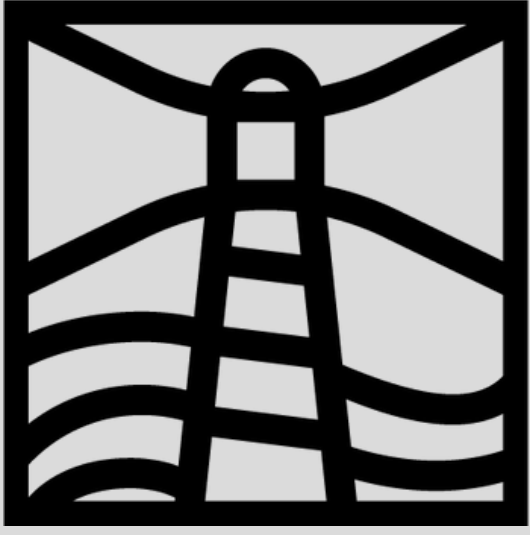
In 2015, the Lord allowed our ministry to hire Jessica to serve at Franklin Road Christian School. During her time here, she has shown evidence of a personal walk with God, maintained the highest level of integrity, and displayed a heart to reach others with the Gospel. She has not only taught a variety of classes in our Christian school, but she has also led a teen girls LifeStage class, served in our Arise Youth Ministry, led the cheerleading team, directed our children's choir, been a member of our CrossPoint Young Adult Ministry, sang in the choir and special groups, and actively involved herself in door-to-door soulwinning and special outreach events.

While our ministry hates to lose someone as involved as Jessica, it is because of her faithfulness to serve here that I believe she will serve the Lord well on the mission field. Watching the Lord lead her to this opportunity has been a joy, and we look forward to seeing what the Lord will do through her.

Thank you once again for considering Jessica for your missions support. I believe she is worthy and will bear fruit to your account. We are looking forward to partnering with her as she reaches souls. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. May the Lord continue to bless you and your ministry!

In Christ,

Dr. Mike Norris  
Senior Pastor



# Lighthouse Baptist Church

16 January, 2024

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Dear Pastor,

My wife and I have had the privilege to serve in Christchurch, New Zealand for the past six years. In those six years, we've formally organized one church, help to plant another, and have seen many souls saved, baptized, and disciplined. During this work, one thing that has become apparent is that we need more laborers.

That's why, when Jessica Harris (my sister-in-law, my wife's sister) approached us about potentially coming to help in the work here, we were understandably excited. Not only will her arrival to New Zealand mean another laborer has joined in the work, it will mean a person of both high-caliber character and capabilities has joined us as well.

Jessica is the daughter of veteran missionaries, having been raised on the mission field of Japan. Japan, whilst dramatically different from New Zealand in language and culture, is very similar in its spiritual coldness to the Gospel. Jessica understands what it takes to minister in a foreign country, including the need for a dogged determination in a place where the work is hard and slow.

In addition to being actively involved in personal evangelism and ministry with ladies, Jessica will be helping us in the ministry in a wide variety of areas. This includes administrative responsibilities in the church, music ministry, and children's ministry. In all of these areas, Jessica has both capability and experience.

We are eager to get her here as quickly as possible. I can recommend her wholeheartedly, and I hope you and your church will give her hearty consideration for financial support.

Sincerely,

Sam Hutchens

Pastor; Lighthouse Baptist Church of Christchurch, NZ

Missionary with BIMl since 2016





# Prayer Card Front and Back



*That all the people of the earth may know that  
the Lord is God, and that there is none else.  
1 Kings 8:60*

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