

# Heroes of Faith: Asian Contributions

## Reiji and Alice Asano Masaki Hoshizaki

*First Japanese Americans to serve with FMB  
1955-1974*

## Joo-Chan and Bo-Bae Kim\*

*Koreans, Retired*

*\*Names changed.*

Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders have made valuable contributions to God's work around the world. Asian Christians represent many different countries, including Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Each group has their own language and culture, and they are doing their part to fulfill the vision of Revelation 7:9 of a multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language knowing and worshipping our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A number of Asians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been sent to the nations through the International Mission Board (formerly known as the Foreign Mission Board or FMB). This year, we are highlighting two:

Reiji and Alice Asano Masaki Hoshizaki were the first Japanese Americans appointed by the FMB. The Hoshizakis were appointed to Japan in 1955 and served there until 1974. Their son, Mark, and his wife, Wendy, currently serve in Japan.

Brother Joo-Chan Kim pastored a Korean church in the U.S. for many years. When Brother Kim was in his 60s, he and his wife, Bo-Bae, answered God's call to be missionaries among the peoples of Mexico. Later, they served among the peoples of East Asia. After nearly 20 years of faithful service in the Americas and Asia, they retired as some of IMB's oldest missionaries.

We are grateful to the many Asians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for their obedience to God's call to the nations. We thank God for the thousands who have heard the gospel through their ministry.

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