

# TUSTANOVSKYIS

(Pronounced Too-sta-nov-skeez 😊)

Kampala > San Diego > Tokyo

OUR PASSION To see churches planted among the least reached, particularly in urban areas. We believe that local churches bring transformation to communities and cities, and are at heart of God's mission of reconciliation. A couple of years ago God put Japan on our hearts, where we are heading now.

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# OUR STORY

**Kostya:** I am originally from Odesa, Ukraine. In 2009, after graduating as a Computer Engineer, God turned my ambitions around to taking the Gospel to the nations. I moved to Kampala, Uganda with International Messengers, and joined fellow missionary Dan Morris in planting a church which now is Sojourn Church Uganda, and a member of the Acts 29 network.

**Bella:** I was born in Kyiv, Ukraine and grew up in Kampala, Uganda where I met Kostya in 2009. I became a believer and got baptised at Sojourn church in 2012. We have been married for 9 years, raising our two children, **Luca** (8 years old) and **Annelise** (5 years old).





# OUR STORY

Over the years in Uganda, God granted us a chance to witness numerous baptisms, lives and communities transformed through the ministry of the local church, fuelling our passion to see churches planted where there are none.

During our last six years in Uganda (2015-2021) Kostya served in the office of Elder and Pastor (Lead Pastor since 2018) at Sojourn; leading the church towards its vision, overseeing the growth of different ministries, developing leaders, discipling, preaching and carrying out member care.



# WHY JAPAN?

**In December 2019** God put Japan on our hearts in an unexpected way. We were in a transitional season where we felt that God was stirring our hearts to move to a new place. But we didn't know where that was yet. One evening we came across 2 videos Acts 29 shared on the state of the church in Japan. Watching and hearing for the first time how unreached Japan is and the need for churches and the Gospel shocked us. In the weeks and months that followed, we kept coming back to this idea that seemed kind of crazy; was this the place God was putting on our hearts? As we pondered the idea, the only question we could think of was, why not go? Why not trust God and if He opens the doors, follow Him there?

# WHY JAPAN?



**2nd Largest**

Unreached people group

**95%**

Might never meet a Christian

**60%**

Churches < 30 people

**-34%**

Missionaries in 20 years

**0.5%**

Evangelical Christian

**70%**

Pastors older than 50

We heard this moving reality and the seed was planted. Though this journey of following God into the next open door seemed easy at first, we were yet to experience what a miraculous work of God getting there would be.

# THE FIELDS

Through a series of miraculous events that could only be God, we moved from Uganda, and in January 2022 moved to San Diego to start a two-year church planting residency with The Fields Carlsbad, CA to prepare us for church planting in Japan.

Before moving to Japan we felt it was crucial for us to partner with a church that would provide more growth, development and mentorship that we needed in preparation to our call.

It has been a blessing to have our call and competencies assessed, affirmed and to serve and grow under the leadership of godly leadership while serving the church and people in North County, San Diego.



# OUR NEXT STEPS

2023



## Partnership + Fundraising

Build partnerships locally in the USA and in Japan.

Raise monthly support through partners.

2023



## Japan Vision Trip

September 2023: Pray and visit Tokyo as a family. Churches and missionaries serving there.

2023



## Church Planting Assessment

A29 church planting assessment in Japan.

Assess our call to church plant and competencies.

2024



## Move to Japan

Fall 2024 move to Tokyo.

First 2 years in Japan will be invested into serving alongside a local church while learning the language and culture.



# FUNDRAISING GOALS 2023

## Year 2 of Church Planting Residency

(Feb 2023 - Feb 2024)

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Funding to complete residency in North County

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**Raise a Total Sum of:  
\$100,000 USD**



Currently at 30%.

## Japan Vision Trip

(September 2023)

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Airfare, accommodation, visa processing

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**Raise a Total Sum of:  
\$15,000 USD**



Currently at 20%.

## Year 1 and 2 in Japan

(2024 - 2025)

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In order to plan to move in 2024, we need to secure financial pledge or giving

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**Raise a Total Sum of:  
\$220,000 USD**



Pledge now and help us get started.

All donations are tax deductible through our sending missionary organization [International Messengers](#)

# PARTNER WITH US

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Together we can bring the light of the gospel to the largest unreached city in the world.

## Pray

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Sign up for our prayer updates to stay connected and support us in prayer.

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## Give

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Support us by giving monthly, a one-time gift or contact us to pledge.

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## Share

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Share our story and mission with your church, small group and friends. Invite us to speak in person or virtually.

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## Design for Mission

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Are you a church, non-profit or entrepreneur passionate about missions and taking the Gospel to the unreached? Do you have a branding, web or marketing need? As a passionate product designer/developer duo, we use our professional skills to fund our ministry, build amazing products and grow relationships for His glory. Contact us to see how we can partner.

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# Talk with Us!

Would you, your church or small group like to hear more?  
Schedule a call with us.

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