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#### Ward Missionary Message #5

Years ago when I was on the High Council in Utah Moss Namba was also on the High Council with me. His parents were born in Japan and came to the United States as immigrants. Even though Moss was born in the U.S. his parents went to great lengths to make sure that Japanese was spoken in their home so the children would not forget their native language. When Moss got married, he and his wife continued that tradition and spoke Japanese in their home so their children would know the language. When Moss' son was called on a mission, he was called not to Japan but Brazil. They were very upset with that call. They tried to get his call changed to Japan. They even appealed to the General Authorities to change it, but to no avail. He went to Brazil and learned Portuguese. Then to their amazement they learned that there are over 1 1/2 million Japanese people in Brazil and he spent his entire mission in Brazil speaking Japanese and teaching Japanese people.

Because of that experience I had in knowing brother Namba, this talk in the April 2010 conference by Elder Rasband had great meaning and significance to me.

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2010/04/the-divine-call-of-a-missionary?lang=eng>

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