

# John Houlette's Ministry Timeline

## I. LOCATION AND LIFE FOUNDATIONS

## II. LONE RANGER TO PARTNERSHIP

## III. WORKAHOLIC TO CLERGY CARE GIVER

<b>1955</b>	<b>1974 1975 1979</b>	<b>1983 1985 1994 2002 2003 2008 2011 2013 2014 2015 2016 2021</b>
	--(B1)-- --(B2)--	--(B3)---(B4)-- --(B5)---(B6)--(B7)-- --(B8)---(B9)---(B10)---(B11) (B12) (B13)
	(18) (20) (24)	(27) (29) (38) (46) (47) (52) (55) (57) (58) (60) (62) (65)
<p>A. Pre-mature birth and vision impairment. (1955)</p> <p>B. Life in Japan, Guam and US. salvation, baptism and college. (1968-1978)</p> <p>C. First career job, early ministry, call, marriage, seminary. (1978-1985)</p>	<p>A. Nishitama Baptist Church pioneer evangelism. (1986-94).</p> <p>B. Kawasaki Home Bible Studies Divine leading; answered prayer. (1996-2001).</p> <p>C. Saikyo Hope Chapel. Challenges of inner-city work, burnout. (1996-2004)</p> <p>D. Japan Field Leader. (2002-2009). Join church planting network. (2002)</p> <p>E. Denen Grace Chapel church plant. (2004-08).</p>	<p>A. Time of isolation, Gordon College Missionary-in-residence (2008-10)</p> <p>B. Out of brokenness, Three Stream Ministries (TSM). (2010).</p> <p>C. New Trajectory—Great East Japan Earthquake (2011)</p> <p>D. Change missions from WorldVenture to Asian Access. (2013)</p> <p>E. Move to Sendai, re-brand TSM, receive Doctor of Ministry degree from Bethel University (2015). Become Disaster Response Chaplain serving in Tokyo, Nepal and Kyushu. (2012-).</p> <p>F. COVID-19 related paradigm shift (2020-).</p>

### Significant transitions

- B1- Confessed faith in Christ (1975)
- B2- Call to full-time ministry (1979)
- B3- Commissioned as a career missionary (1983)
- B4- Depart as first-term missionary (1985)
- B5- Call Japanese pastor (1994)
- B6- Experience burnout (2002)
- B7- Call Japanese pastor (2003)
- B8- Period of isolation (2008)
- B9- Great East Japan Disaster (2011)
- B10- Change mission agencies (2013)
- B11- Move to Sendai (2014)
- B12- Obtain D. Min. degree (2015)
- B13- Church revitalization ministry (2016)

### Lessons learned

1. I am responsible to discover, embrace and nurture my identity.
2. It is critical to engage and manage my emotions in healthy ways.
3. Hopes and dreams are vital to marriage. I am called to be attentive to and nurture them.
4. It takes courage to implement self-change.
5. I am precious, loved and highly valued by God.
6. Be careful when attempting to initiate ministry; wait to be invited.
7. Go slow quickly. (Japanese proverb).
8. Presence, time, space and encouragement are valuable gifts to give and receive.
9. Embrace limitations; they will prompt you to seek God.
10. Goodness and steadfast love will follow me all the days of my life.

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