







## **Triad Baptist World Outreach Ministries**

Missions is at the heart of all that we do as Christians. Through missions we strive to complete the Great Commission Jesus gave us, and we learn to love the world as God the Father loves it. Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Triad Baptist Church supports missionaries in over 21 different countries on six continents and several different missions projects around the world. Four of our missionaries claim Triad Baptist as their sending church. Through missions we see the impact of the Holy Spirit as He uses us to reach those who need Christ. The opportunities for normal, everyday Christians to become involved in short-term international missions are now limitless. Every corner of the world is available to you. You were saved to serve, and made to go out and spread the Good News.

Thank you for all that you do to serve our great God and to share the love of His Gospel right here in our own country and around the world!

- --Pastor Rob Decker, Lead Pastor
- Please visit tbcnow.org for more details about our World Outreach Missions Ministry



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#### **JOHN & SHEILA AHERN**

President of Mission To The Military



## **Description of Ministry**

Missions To Military is an Independent Baptist Mission Board with the goal to "Win and Train the Military for Jesus Christ. MTM is a ministry of evangelism and discipleship in which they utilize Military Christian Centers as a base of operation, which are similar to the old USO. At their Centers they typically have Bible Studies on Tuesdays and Fridays which help to reinforce the MTM Discipleship Program. This is the tool that they utilize for effective discipleship. It is their desire to help the military catch a vision for studying the Bible, going to Bible College and entering the ministry.

The Aherns have served with MTM since 2000. They were 14 years at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and then serving as President of the ministry in Virginia Beach, VA. As well as the administrative duties of the mission, they are involved in Bible Studies and discipling.

John Ahern - In 1987 I was stationed aboard the USS America in Norfolk. VA. Two sailors from the ship invited me to Missions To Military. It was while I was attending the Center in Norfolk that I heard the Gospel for the first time. I started to attend Colonial Baptist Church in Virginia Beach with my new friends from MTM. The Lord used the Center ministry and the preaching at CBC to show me that I needed to trust Christ and shortly after started the MTM Discipleship Program.

After some growth in my Christian life, it was clear that the Lord wanted me to go to Bible College. I attended Piedmont Bible College and graduated in 2000. While at PBC I met and married Sheila, who graduated in 1997. During our time at PBC the Lord made it clear that we were to go into ministry and serve with MTM.

**Sheila Ahern** - It was part of God's goodness to place me in a Christian family, with godly parents and grandparents. As a little girl, I was taken regularly to churches with sound doctrine and biblical teaching. One Sunday morning, before church, after asking my dad some questions about Easter, he led me to the Lord. I followed the Lord in believer's baptism, dedicated my life to the Lord at 16 and went to Piedmont Bible College and then into ministry alongside my husband.

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#### **JONATHAN & MICHELLE ARCHER**

Disciple-Making and Church Planting in Togo, Africa



## **Description of Ministry**

God called the Archer family to Togo, West Africa in 2016. For 10 years they served in Roanoke, Virginia as missionaries to the Inner City, atrisk youth. They will be working with one of many unreached Islamic/ Animistic tribes in Togo who have never heard the gospel. Their goal is to make disciples by reaching them with God's Word then discipling new believers to maturity so that they can then build an African church with African leadership.

#### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

Jonathan Archer - Early in my life church was important and I was highly involved in every aspect of church. I was often told by others that I had received Jesus as my Savior when I was 6 or 7 but I didn't remember that time at all and Jesus certainly hadn't changed my life much. As I became an adolescent, I started to question the whole idea of God. I finally gave up and became agnostic. For almost 4 years I was able to live this life and hide my true beliefs from people that I didn't want to hurt all the while making life miserable for my parents by trying to prove God did not exist. In 9th grade I attended a church camp at the WILDS Christian Camp in Brevard, NC. That week God worked in my heart and the end of that week I accepted Christ as my personal Savior.

**Michelle Archer** - Michelle is a native of Virginia so she is a southern 8 TBC Missionary Directory

sweetheart. She gave her life to Jesus when she was 4. She loves serving Jesus with her family and reaching those around her with the love of God. She loves being a mom and also enjoys decorating the home, recycling broken things for new uses, and spending time with the family. She also loves fall and helping the kids see Jesus differently in every season.



**Children:** Kylie 12/12/06; Ethan 2/16/09

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#### **BRIAN & LYNN BAKER**

Northeast Regional Coordinator with Word of Life Local Church Ministries



## **Description of Ministry**

Brian and Lynn have been serving with Word of Life Local Church Ministries since June, 1997. Their first 17 years were in North Carolina and now are serving as Regional Coordinator of the North Region. In this position Brian works directly with 8 missionaries who are currently ministering in 144 churches, helping them in the area of youth and children's ministry. Brian is responsible for training, mentoring, and holding missionaries accountable. He often speaks both evangelically to children and teenagers and teaching in conferences to adult leaders. A new area of leading a team by means of writing training curriculum has opened up recently.

**Brian Baker** - I grew up in a wonderful Christian home in Illinois. While attending Vacation Bible School as an elementary age boy, I responded to the gospel and placed my faith in Jesus Christ to save me from my sins. Through my teenage years I struggled to live for the Lord. The Spirit of God never let go of me as He was continually convicting me of sin and giving me opportunities to live for Him. The summer before my Senior year of high school, I attended camp at Word of Life Island for the first time. The Lord used that week to get a hold of my life and set me on a course of growing and changing that is still continuing today! During my time at the Word of Life Bible Institute, God put a call in my heart that still burns hot today and that is for the young people in America.

Lynn Baker - I was 8 years old when my mom led me to the Lord. Growing up with parents who were Word of Life missionaries, I had so many wonderful opportunities, including being actively involved in short-term missions both here and overseas. The Lord used these times to impress upon my heart the call for missions. It was during our time at the WOL Bible Institute that God called Brian and I into the ministry. After we were married, we joined the ministry of Word of Life Local Church Ministries where we still serve today.

**Children:** Courtney 3/28/02; Allison 5/29/05; Corbin 5/29/05

Mission: Word of Life

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#### **CRAIG & MEAGAN BEATY**

Teachers at the Greater Lisbon Christian Academy, Lisbon, Portugal



**Description of Ministry** 

The Beatty's primary ministry is serving at The Greater Lisbon Christian Academy. It is a traditional K-12 school primarily for the children of missionaries. Craig is a junior high and high school teacher, while Megan is a 5-6th and 7-8th grade English teacher. Providing a good education for the families of missionaries frees time for the parents to serve more effectively in their ministries and allows them to remain on the field. The Beattys also serve at the Baptist Church of Ramada. Craig is involved in the worship team and Megan is a Sunday School teacher and involved in women's ministry.

**Craig Beatty** - I grew up in a Christian home, attended church faithfully and was involved in various ministries. When I was 6 years old my brother Scott and I were talking about what it meant to be a Christian. He explained to me the way to be saved and he then lead me to Christ. As I grew up I realized that it was at that time that I was truly saved. At the age of 12, I gave my life to missions.

Megan's Testimony - I grew up as a Pastor's kid. One summer I was at a VBS and my teacher was talking to me about what it meant to be a Christian and I decided that I wanted to become one. I actually went out into the hallway and found my mom who then lead me to Christ. It wasn't until college that I gave my life to missions.

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**Greater Lisbon Christian Academy** 

#### LARRY & CLAIRE BOGGS

Eagle's Nest Children's Home, Guatemala



## **Description of Ministry**

The Boggs have served in Guatemala since 1978. They originally arrived in Guatemala to win souls for Christ and build churches. God gave them the rewarding ministry of providing help and homes for abandoned children. They originally established Eagle's Nest children's home in 1984, which was moved to the new location in Sololá, Guatemala in 2005.

## Eagle's Nest Children's Home

The ministries we provide have been 34 years in the making! The original plan was to come to help plant churches. After a few months of being in the country, Claire was presented with an opportunity to take in an unwanted child. With 4 young children of her own, she didn't think they could adopt, but a new ministry and passion was born!

At first, the children that Larry and Claire cared for were part of their family, living and eating in the same house. After a short time, the number of children who needed care grew and the Boggs rented a facility and hired additional people to help them care for the children. Adoptions flourished and the children's home continued to grow.

In 2000, Claire Boggs found the current property where Eagle's Nest

resides now. This property had been abandoned for 10 years and after much thought, research and prayer they started to look into purchasing the property to meet the needs of their continuing growth. Through the sale of the other property and a lowering of the price, they purchased the property. In 2005, all the children were moved to Sololá.

Mission: Central Missionary Clearing House

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## **REBA BOWMAN**Heart & Hope Global



## **Description of Ministry**

Hearts & Hope works to stop the exploitation of women and girls by equipping them for future success. Their mission is to develop partnerships between communities in North America and communities where women and girls are abused and exploited in high risk places around the world. These partnerships work to rescue, restore, and provide prevention so these women can live in dignity, worth, and freedom.

#### Their approach is to:

- Empower local leaders to reach out to women and girls in their communities who are in desperate need of help and hope.
- Equip community partners to assist those in need by addressing the whole person.
- Address the complex causes of poverty including material, spiritual, emotional, social, economic, and educational needs.
- •Transform the lives of women and girls through a focus on sustainability, independence, and faith, so that they can become the person God designed them to be.

## **Personal Testimony**

In 2012, Reba Bowman, founder of Dare for More Ministries (DFM), traveled to the Dominican Republic to speak at a women's event. She had no idea that God would use that trip to be a turning point in her life and for DFM.

While in the Dominican she was made aware of the devastating needs of women and girls. Poverty, abuse, and trafficking were just the tip of the iceberg as she discovered the necessity for basic needs such as clothing, food, medical attention, and safety. Down deep, the real need for love, connection, and hope loomed large. In response, Dare for More began to work as an advocate for the women and children of the Dominican Republic.

In 2013, further opportunities allowed for DFM to connect with rescue organizations in Nepal, India, and Mexico.

Due to the increasing awareness of the crisis for women and young girls worldwide, DFM leadership felt God calling them to expand the ministry in order to be more intentional as they partnered to create global solutions.

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#### **RYAN & STEPHANIE BUCZAK**

Church Planter and Aviation Ministry in Togo, Africa



**Description of Ministry** 

Ryan is a pilot with a strong personal evangelism emphasis. He is using the airplane and his ability as a pilot as a tool for church planting. They are presently working with the Kablye people in Togo, West Africa. As a part of the Togo South Team their mission statement is "Glorifying God by multiplying healthy churches in Togo, West Africa."

#### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**Ryan Buczak** - I accepted Christ as my personal Lord and Savior at the age of six. My pastor gave a salvation message specifically to children one day, and it became clear to me that if I wanted to spend eternity with my family in heaven, I needed a relationship with Jesus Christ. At the age of thirteen I dedicated my life to full time Christian service. After high school, I attended two years at the Word of Life Bible Institute. Through growing up in a Christian home and attending a Christian college, I have learned much about a perspective in ministry. The Lord helped me to narrow down how I could serve Him in full time missionary service as a missionary pilot. I got further training at Trinity College of Florida and Piedmont Baptist College.

**Stephanie Buczak** - I got saved at a young age. Though I don't remember the events, I know that at some point I realized my need for Jesus Christ to come in and take a hold of my life. I confessed my sins to the Lord, believed that His death paid the penalty for my sin, and trusted in Him as my only way to get to Heaven. My first major time of growth was when my mom left my dad, brother and me. The Lord used that time in my life to grow me and mature me. In junior high I committed my life to full time service, in 2000 I went on my first mission trip, and in 2003 I graduated from my second year at Word of Life Bible Institute. The Lord confirmed to my husband and I that He wanted us to minister for Him in Togo, Africa.

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#### **DARYL & LEAH BURNETTE**

To the Unreached in North Mozambique



## **Description of Ministry**

The Burnettes are working within an unreached people group. Therefore, they must have a job or occupation other than being just a missionary. Daryl runs a goat farm where they are expanding to begin milking goats and making cheese. In addition, Daryl participates in two men's Bible studies, one of which is held on their farm. Leah home schools their three children in addition to organizing a bimonthly kids' club at their house. They have seen some come to the Lord and have worked with others.

#### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

We were both blessed to have grown up in Christian homes with wonderful Christian parents. Daryl was lead to the Lord by his mom when he was 10 years old while memorizing scripture verses for AWANA. Leah was lead to the Lord by her step-father while she was in elementary school. In high school we were both blessed to go on mission's trips and we both committed our lives to serving Christ.

We met at Triad Baptist Church while we were in college. After dating for a few years, we were married in October of 2006. Not long after this, we

felt that God was calling us to start a family but soon realized that wasn't going to be possible through traditional means. We guickly realized God was calling us to adopt and in January of 2010 we brought home our twins Eden and Gabriel. A year and a half later we were blessed again and adopted their biological brother Silas. It was through this adoption process that God called us to minister as missionaries overseas.



Children: Eden 1/18/10; Gabriel 1/18/10: Silas 11/25/11

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#### MARK & CELESTE CLARK

Camp and Chapels In the Public Schools in Kentucky



## **Description of Ministry**

Mark and Celeste have served as missionaries with Scripture Memory Mountain Mission and Camp Nathanael since 1990. Although they are involved in many ministries at Camp Nathanael where they live, their main ministry is in the public schools. They go to 57 different public schools and have over 100 school chapels each school year. Praise the Lord they have the opportunity to share the Gospel with approximately 17 thousand students each year. The Gospel is presented in each program through: Bible stories, music, Gospel illusions, object lessons, puppets, and ventriloquism.

While in the schools, the students are given the opportunity to complete a 7 lesson Bible course, memorize 35 Bible verses and earn a free week of camp at Camp Nathanael. There are 7 weeks of summer camp and 7 weekend retreats for young people. Approximately 5000 people attend the activities at Camp Nathanael each year.

Besides being involved in the school and camp ministry, Mark and Celeste also teach in the Outdoor Education program, in which the public schools bus their students to Camp Nathanael for a one-day field trip. Through workshops, hikes, and hands on activities, students are taught about God's wonderful creation.

Mark Clark - He grew up in a Christian home. His parents were missionaries with Baptist Mid Missions in Cornettsville, KY. His mother led him to the Lord when he was 4 years old.

**Celeste Clark** - She was brought up in a Christian home in Ramseur, NC and accepted the Lord as her Savior when she was 16 years old. Mark and Celeste met while attending Piedmont Bible College in Winston Salem, NC. They graduated May 1982 and were married May 29, 1982. The Lord has blessed them with two children, John Mark and Alicia. Alicia recently died suddenly, leaving her husband and 4 small children.

Mark and Celeste are so thankful for each opportunity that they have to share the Gospel in Southeastern Kentucky.



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#### MIKE & JEANNETTE CLARK

Church Planting among Natives of Alaska with Aviation



## **Description of Ministry**

The Clarks are engaged in a church planting ministry in the remote village of Iliamna, Alaska. There are 6 surrounding villages, accessible only by airplane. They have a vision to reach those villages using aviation and creative ministry opportunities like basketball camp. Weather in the winter months always makes flying more difficult so prayer for safety is important. Presently they are working alone but greatly need another couple to join in reaching consistently reaching remote villages which have little or no gospel witness. A great spiritual darkness and alcohol abuse are serious problems in these remote areas. Their prayer is that God would raise up an indigenous couple or individuals who could further the work.

### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**Mike Clark** - Although my parents were believers, they weren't living for the Lord in my growing years. At the age of 17, I accepted Christ as my Savior. I was baptized 6 months later. Very soon after accepting Christ I felt the Lord leading me into missions. I obtained a private pilot license and aircraft mechanic license and then got my bachelors degree at Piedmont Baptist College in missionary aviation.

**Jeannette Clark** - At the age of 5, I trusted Christ as my Savior and was baptized. Through our church's summer camp ministry, I surrendered

my life to be a missionary. After high school, I attended Cochise College and received my associates degree in nursing. After college, Mike and I got married, had two kids and then moved to NC for Bible training. I took several Bible classes at Piedmont but was mostly occupied with working and raising our 5 kids.

Mission: Baptist Mid-Missions

**Children:** Lee 2/9/96; Anna 1/3; Joshua 9/21/00; Faith 5/2/02

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#### **AARON & STEPHANIE COCHRELL**

Church Planting in the Mts of Cusco, Peru



## **Description of Ministry**

In 2013 the Cochrells arrived in Peru and served in the ministry at the Abundant Life Baptist Church replacing missionaries who had to leave for health reasons. They stayed until the church was able to call their own pastor. Upon their return to Peru they began to work in the city of Cusco. To initiate this next church plant, the Cochrells have to put together a church planting team of 5 Peruvian. They hope to purchase property for the new church plant within the first year after they return. Internships will be available for the Bible College students that he teaches in Peru and whom they hope to host on a short-term basis as God provides. The goal is to teach students about church planting in the classroom in the course that Aaron teaches and then provide them with practical experience in the ministry.

#### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**Aaron Cochrell** - I grew up on a farm working alongside my dad. At age five, I came to understand who God was and what He had done for me. One night after church I was talking with my mom, and she led me to the Lord.

In the public school high school that I attended I was in charge of the fellowship of Christian students for two years. After 10th grade, I went on a mission trip to Salt Lake City, Utah which was life changing. The

next three summers I worked at Skyview Ranch in Millersburg, Ohio. I attended Piedmont Baptist and after completing two years in the mission program, I went on the ARRIBA! internship program with Baptist Mid-Mission to Peru where I studied Spanish, took college courses, and ministered in local churches. That year knit my heart to the Peruvians. During my junior year at Piedmont, I met Stephenie, and in 2008 we were married.

**Stephenie Cochrell** – I grew up in a Christian home in Michigan and was saved at the age of four as a result of the teaching of my Sunday School teacher. Four years later I was baptized. My family moved to LaPorte. IN, and later joined Evergreen Baptist Church. I was home schooled and enjoyed serving the Lord. I always had an interest in missions and enjoyed having missionaries come to my church.

When I was about thirteen, I attended Twin Lakes Camp in central IN for a week of leadership camp and there dedicated my life to serving the Lord, regardless of where that would take me. After high school, I had an opportunity to go to Brazil to tutor the son of missionary pilot Al and Kim Yoder. When I returned to the States, I entered Piedmont Baptist College and graduated with a B.A. in Bible in 2011. While there I met my husband.

**Children:** Joel 9/5/12; Ann 12/27/08; Levi 2/5/17

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#### **SAM & MARIA CONOVER**

Church Planters in Honduras, South America



## **Description of Ministry**

The Conovers have planted two churches in the Central American country of Honduras. Their ministry involves training national pastors and church leaders, leading people to the Lord, disciplining, and baptizing them. They are presently involved in their third church planting venture. Using such means as English as a Second Language classes, sports camps, children's clubs, and personal witnessing, they have seen people coming to know and grow in the Lord.

#### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

Sam Conover: I was saved at age 4, having been led to Christ by my parents. It was a struggle for me to surrender my life to the lordship of Christ. But when I was fifteen after a church revival, I confessed my disobedience and rebellion to the Lord and surrendered to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He would lead. I went to various Christian schools and after graduation continued my studies earning a BA in Bible (1986) and an MA in Pastoral Studies (1993) from Bob Jones University. I also did post-graduate studies at Northland Baptist Bible College and Bob Jones University. I felt called to missions at age thirty-four (1997) and began praying about a ministry in Honduras after having met a missionary from that country at a mission's conference. Two years later, I went to Honduras on a mission trip and God confirmed His call in my heart.

Maria Conover: I was born in Honduras, my parents being native citizens of Honduras. I graduated from the National University of Honduras with a degree in Business Management. After marriage, I took several courses by video from the Bob Jones University Institute of Biblical Education. I received Jesus Christ as personal Savior when I was 16 years old after an evangelistic service at my Christian high school. I was baptized 3 years later. While attending the same church that Sam was working in I surrendered to God's future plan for my life in missions. After my wedding to Sam Conover in June of 2000, I also joined Baptist Mid Missions

**Children:** Joy – 8/18/2002 Aida – 9/30/2006

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## **ADAM & FAITH DRAKE**

Hope Radio in Northern Togo



## **Description of Ministry**

The Drakes are church planting missionaries in a predominantly Muslim part of northern Togo. They are part of the broadcast team for Hope Radio and are using media as a tool to reach into the homes of this community which is 80% Muslim. Another 15 % is animistic with only a scant 5% proclaiming to be Christians. Part of this ministry is to disciple and train believers, in all aspects of life. The objective is to plant churches and encourage church growth wherever people are seeking to know truth. They are a part of a greater outreach team that has such ministries as the Hospital of Hope, agriculture, water ministry, and ladies' ministry.

Adam Drake - I grew up as a missionary kid in France. At 6 years old, I would go to a class my father would teach for children. In the spring of 1989, at the end of one of those classes, I came to know Christ as my Savior. I dedicated my life to Jesus and was baptized at 13 years old. When I was 17, I surrendered my life to full time ministry and shortly after started attending Piedmont International University to learn more about the Bible and how to teach it to others. Knowing French was a huge factor in where God was leading us. We first went to Togo in the summer of 2004 where we felt God was leading us to use the skills He had given us.

Faith Drake - My parents were missionaries to Colombia, so I was taught the Truth since birth. I was five years old when I understood I couldn't go to Heaven on my own. It was then that I decided to trust in Jesus as my Savior. I was baptized two years later. As a senior in high school I realized that it wasn't enough to count my parents' works as sufficient for my "reasonable service". I knew God was calling me to full time Christian service and later confirmed that it would be on the foreign field. While at Piedmont University God gave me a lifelong partner for that mission work. After Adam and I participated in an apprenticeship program in 2004 in Africa we knew that was where we should serve. We were married in 2005 and after a year internship at a church; we began preparing to go to Togo, West Africa.

Children: Oceane-OC-4/27/07; Cleste-6/7/09; August-12/22/12

Nicodemus(Nico)-9/23/14

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# **WAYNE & SUE FAIR**Aviation Ministry In Papua New Guinea



## **Description of Ministry**

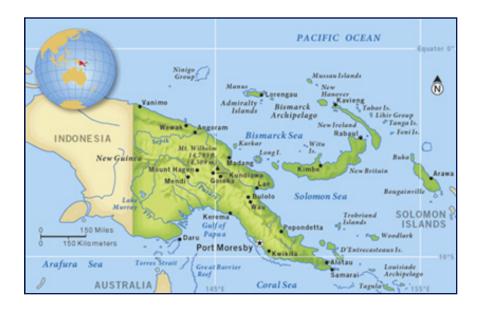
The Fairs use their Cessna 182 airplane to reach remote areas of Papua New Guinea. They also, have been establishing and strengthening churches, and teaching at the Bible College. They are planning to move their work to the North Coast to the village of Kabwum and begin the process once again in this needy area. Moving to this new area means learning the surrounding mountains and terrain around them. This is known to be one of the most dangerous countries to fly in!

**Wayne and Sue Fair** – I came to Christ at twenty years of age, while serving in the US Marine Corps in Beaufort, SC. I had received a gospel tract from someone in the shopping center parking lot. I did not realize till later that the church we ended up at (after finding the Methodist church closed that day), was Calvary Baptist Church, the same church where the tract had come from. The second Sunday after the message, I was under such deep conviction that I went forward and surrendered my life to God and put my faith in Christ as my personal Savior. My wife, Sue, also received Christ at home that week after my witnessing to her. She and I knelt together and Sue sought the Lord and got saved. Fourteen years later and with five children, we surrendered to go to Papua New Guinea as missionaries and arrived on the mission field in February of 1994. Triad Baptist Church has supported our ministry since 2007.

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#### **KURT & LISA FENTON**

Church Planting in New Zealand



## **Description of Ministry**

The Fentons are involved in 3 areas of ministry:

First, a local church plant in Hastings. They have an active children's and teen's ministry, as well as, disciplining and mentoring believers. They are in the process of building a Community Outreach building that will enable them to reach their area on a greater level.

**Second**, a counseling ministry. This is designed primarily to support missionaries and pastors, both in NZ and in the States (via Skype) with burnout issues. Kurt's counseling work has also extended to church members and the unsaved.

**Third**, wider church planting involvement. Kurt has taught pastors in the Solomon Islands and China. They are also involved in supporting several national pastors (financially and practically) in their church planting endeavors.

**Kurt and Lisa Fenton -** We were both raised in solid, Christian homes where Christ was central. We both received the Lord as Savior as young children and were taught through the home, church, and school to follow Him. We met on a blind date at college and dated for four years before we were married in 1988. While dating we prayed about God's will for our future life together, including missions, but we were clearly led by the Lord to work with teenagers at a church in VA.

While serving in the church, God exposed us continuously to missions, and we led their teens on two missions' trips during that time. God eventually led us to Pennsylvania where I received a master's degree in theology. As we approached the end of that schooling, we again prayed concerning God's will for our future ministry. The Lord brought to our memory a conversation we had with a missionary who had asked us to consider joining him in church-planting ministry in New Zealand. I contacted this missionary and found he was still praying for us to join him there.

In 1996, we visited New Zealand and fell in love with the land, the people, and the possibilities God had shown us. We returned to the States for my final year in seminary, and upon completion of seminary and deputation, we moved to New Zealand in 1999 where we have been involved in church-planting, leadership training, counseling, and community outreach.

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#### **JASON & RACHEL FLETCHER**

Church Planting in Colombia



## **Description of Ministry**

The vision of the Fletchers is to reach Colombians through personal evangelism, discipleship and church planting. Their hope is to partner with national pastors and their existing churches; working together to start mobilization movements to reach the lost. They do this so that Colombians can not only be brought to Christ themselves but can ultimately help fulfill the great commission around the world.

Jason Fletcher – I grew up in a very missions minded church in rural central Virginia. I was saved at a young age, and surrendered to His call for full time missions. I graduated from Piedmont International University with a Bible degree and missions concentration. My ministry experience includes Sunday school teacher, Pastoral intern and ordination, Youth Pastor, deacon and preaching. Rachel and I met and were married in 2005 and have been blessed with four children: Hannah, Alyssa, Jordan and Logan.

Rachel Fletcher - Rachel, formally known as Rachel Griffin, grew up in a missionary family in Paraguay, South America; where her parents ministered for 35 years. Rachel was saved at a young age and surrendered her life to full time ministry. She later graduated from Piedmont International University with a music and youth ministry degree. Her ministry experience includes multicultural ministry, piano and voice performance and many other children and youth ministries.

**Children:** Hannah- 7/30/06; Alyssa- 10/29/08; Jordan- 11/16/10;

Logan- 10/15/15

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### **PAUL & PENNY HESMAN**

Church Planting & Training Believers In South Africa



# **Description of Ministry**

The Hesmans have been involved in a church planting ministry and have established two church plants to this point. Paul is involved in training believers especially those preparing for ministry. Penny is involved in mentoring public school teachers in the township and rural schools. Her focus is a Gospel centered program that helps teachers improve their skills in teaching English reading. Presently they are working in a predominantly Indian area.

### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

Paul & Penny Hesman - I grew up South Africa in a family that embraced the Islamic faith. I attended a religious after-school program for about five years where I learned to read the Koran in Arabic but could not understand its contents. The ritual of reading the Koran never satisfied my soul. One of my school teachers informed us that God would take a huge set of scales and He would place our good works on one side and our bad works on the other. If our good outweighed our bad works, then God would admit us to Heaven. I was afraid because I knew that this ten-year old would never perform enough good works to make it to heaven

Three years later I received an invitation to see a free film. The next day, Sunday, we went to the see the free film. It was entitled "The Burning Hell, and it graphically portrayed what hell would be like. I was terrified and knew that I wanted to escape hell. Afterwards I talked with the pastor because I wanted to know Jesus Christ as Savior. I knew that this was what I had been waiting for the last three years. That night I received the free gift of eternal life.

I left South Africa in 1984 to enroll at Piedmont Bible College to prepare for the ministry. Penny and I met while we were students at the college. We were married in June 1987 and graduated in 1988. For seven years I pastored in North Carolina. Later we both received our master's degrees. In 1995 we were impressed that it was time to redirect the focus of our ministry to missionary service in South Africa. I knew that I would need more education so I went to Dallas Theological Seminary. In 1999 we were appointed to serve in South Africa.

Children: Kathryn 5/26/1993; Joshua - 8/15/2009; Michael -

4/10/2006

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## **KEITH & JODY HUDAK** Church Planting in Spain



## **Description of Ministry**

The Hudaks are establishing churches in Spain. According to the Spanish government 79.3% of the citizens consider themselves Catholic; however, 47.1% stated that they never attend Mass. Among non-Catholics, 11.7 % said that they were agnostics, 4.9% claimed that they were atheists, and approximately 2% declared that they practiced other religions.

Their present work is in Torres de la Alameda, Madrid. In 2017 they celebrated the fourth anniversary of this church plant. They use various means to reach out to the community: English conversation classes, children's events, and cooking classes. As well as these activities, they strengthen the new believers in the church and train nationals to lead the church.

Keith Hudak - I was brought up in a Christian home. From my early years, my parents instilled in me the value of attending church regularly and the importance of faithfulness. At the age of eight, I acknowledged that I was a sinner and called on the Lord to save me. I was baptized when I was 10. When I was a teen my pastor, Fred Milacci, had a big influence on my life.

God led me to Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania (now Summit University) where I met my wife. I graduated in 1990 and went back to my home church in Kylertown, PA to do an internship. Following this, I was the associate pastor of youth until 2001 with Edgefield Baptist Church in Greensboro. It was while challenging the youth there towards missions that God called me. I have been a missionary in Spain since 2003.

Jody Hudak - It was in the spring of 1972, when I was five years old, that I asked Jesus to come into my heart and save me from my sin. I was baptized a few years later, at Portville Baptist Church, in my hometown of Portville, NY. In my early teen years, I decided that I would be willing to do whatever God wanted me to do. I felt a tug at my heart towards missions. I graduated from high school in June 1985 with a major in Spanish and set off for Baptist Bible College. I graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Bible and Missions. I then married Keith and together we began our family and a ministry with young people. We thoroughly enjoyed our work with the children and teens.

**Children:** Candace, Cody, Cal

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## **DAN & JAN INGRAM** Church Planting In Alaska



# **Description of Ministry**

The Ingrams have been church planters in Alaska since 2008 and are presently working in a new area called Fritz Creek. They are hosting a Bible study in their home as they begin their evangelism efforts in this area. The process of building relationships in an Alaskan community is very slow and often discouraging. The people are independent, selfsufficient and highly skeptical of any "religious" groups or evangelism. The next step will be to begin Sunday morning services and grounding the new believers in sound doctrine.

Danny Ingram - I was born into a Christian home the youngest of two sons. The doctrine of eternal security was not taught in the church where I grew up, which caused lots of questions for me and hesitancy around salvation. However, at the age of 16 I realized that I was a sinner and needed to make the decision to repent and ask for forgiveness. I continued to struggle with the idea of losing my salvation, yet knew I was a child of God. I was baptized two weeks after my salvation but it was only after I was grown and changed churches that I began to learn sound doctrine that my relationship with the Lord grew. After marrying my high school sweetheart, beginning a family and getting heavily involved in my local church, God revealed more openly His call and purpose for my life. It was at the age of 29 years old that I surrendered to full time ministry and began pursuing a Bible education that the call to missions was confirmed. After four years of college and five years of deputation, Jan, I, and two of our three children arrived on the field of Alaska.

Jan Ingram – I was born into a non-Christian family. My parents were separated and divorced when I was four years old and at the age of five, my mother remarried and two step brothers were added to the family. My childhood was difficult. We were very poor and my stepfather was involved in the use and sale of illegal drugs and was an abusive parent. But, God introduced me to Himself through the ministry of Gospel Light Baptist Church's bus ministry. It was there that I heard about the love of God and the gift of salvation. Years passed without much Christian influence and times were very hard. In high school I was able to attend another church in Thomasville, NC where I had the opportunity to be baptized, learn more of God's Word and meet the man God had prepared for me.

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#### **DAVE & SANDY KELLY**

Caribbean Short Term Missions with Word of Life



# **Description of Ministry**

The Kellys were called by God to serve with Word of Life Fellowship in 1976 and ministered in North Carolina as Word of Life's Bible Club's Representative from 1976-1994. During the summers of 1988-1991 Dave directed Word of Life Island in Schroon Lake, New York and then established the Word of Life Short Term Mission's program to the Caribbean in 1994.

The purpose of Caribbean Short-Term Missions is to open up new Islands for the ministry, start Word of Life Bible Clubs in local churches, establish Word of Life Camps, and evangelize. He has a volunteer staff of 6 couples and 3 individuals. Most have ministered with CSTM for over 10 years. Currently they are ministering in Trinidad, Tobago, St. Maarten-Anguilla, Curacao, Aruba, Nassau, and Cayman Islands. They are establishing camps in Trinidad and Curacao.

Dave teaches in various of Word of Life's overseas Bible Institutes. Some of the more recent are in the Philippines, Kenya, and East Africa.

Dave Kelly - I grew up in a Christian family; however, I did not accept Christ as my Savior until I was at Tennessee Temple College in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A godly professor led me to Christ. Two years later the Lord called me to be a missionary during a mission's conference at the Bible college.

Sandy Kelly - When I was nine years old, my parents took me to a revival meeting. That was the first time I remember ever having heard the gospel. I went forward at the invitation time and the preacher went through the plan of salvation with me and I prayed to receive Christ as my Savior.

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#### **DEXTER & JACKELLE KIRBY**

Pastor/Missionary to St. Vincent



## **Description of Ministry**

The Dexters had the privilege of starting Grace Community Baptist Church, in Kingstown Park, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This church plant officially began on August 2, 2009. Dexter serves as the Senior Pastor and his wife coordinates all the women's and children's programs. As the Senior Pastor, Dexter has the responsibility for all the preaching services. Additionally, there are counseling and discipleship programs handled throughout the week including one with parents at their local public school. They have several outreach ministries including a monthly Clinic at the church in which a doctor (a member of their church) offers free medical help to the surrounding area. They are in the process of starting a preschool and a Bible Institute to offer a 2-year program that is Bible intensive.

**Kirby Dexter** - I grew up in a village on the outskirts of the capital. My family was religious but not redeemed. Like many boys during that time, I found an outlet through sports and spent my spare time in the street playing soccer. One day a van with a 6 ½ foot tall "vanilla" man (we don't always say white) stopped in the middle of our game and invited us to go in this beautiful van with him to church. That missionary was Charles Petitt (current president of Piedmont International University) and he came faithfully every Sunday and I went with him to church.

One Sunday evening, while sitting in church (which was really an open tent). I heard for the first time that I was a sinner in need of a Savior. At age 11, I was confronted by the fact that there was a real hell that was created for unbelievers. I was also confronted by the fact that Jesus died in my place, but I needed to accept his finished work on Calvary's cross. That night I placed my faith in Jesus alone for salvation and accepted his righteousness.

The Lord, also, graciously allowed me the privilege of attending Piedmont International University in which Dr. Charles Petitt serves. Upon completion of my studies I returned home to St. Vincent and started this work.

I believe in missions because I am a product of missions. I believe in missions because God is a missionary, God Who sent His Son to die in my place.

Children: Kelleigh 4/19/2015; Kassidy 12/02/2017

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### **RANDY & PATRICIA LAASE**

Church Planting in France



# **Description of Ministry**

Since 1989 Randy has been missionary, first in Chad, Africa and then in France. Presently, they are working in a church re-plant in Draguignan, France. The church began 40 years ago, but dwindled down to about 8 people and the pastor was discouraged and wanted to move on. They came in to help build the church back up and enable them to take on a French national pastor. Their goal is to build a financial base at the church to support a full time pastor and are also looking to sell their property and move into a larger facility. Their aim is to reach their city of 107,000 and also the outlying villages in a 20 minute radius. In France the work goes very slowly so the key is being a plodder. They are praying that the Lord will send more folks as they continue reaching out to the lost.

Randy Laase – I grew up in a church-going family from Canton, Ohio. After a revival meeting, at the age of eight, I put my faith in Christ to save me. My heart was stirred for missions especially because my parents had lived in France while in the US Army before my birth. Sensing God's call on my life I studied at Baptist University. Upon graduating in 1986, I was accepted with Baptist Mid-Missions. I felt God's leading to Chad, a French speaking country in the heart of Africa. I went to France in 1989 for 1 ½ years of language school to improve my French. While studying there, I met my wife, Patricia. At the end of my language study, we were married in 1992, and after raising more support, went to Chad where we ministered for two consecutive terms. Because of some important health issues Patricia experienced in Chad we were forced to leave Chad in 2001. That summer, the Lord opened the door for us to go to France.

Patricia Laase – I was born in France and brought up in an unbelieving family, the fifth of six children. My life was difficult living in poverty because my father had died. When I was 18, I had come to a point where I had no hope for living. At the same time I met a friend who invited me to study the Bible together. In the weeks that followed, I came to understand my lost condition before God and came to Christ for my salvation. As I grew in the Lord I began attending a church where a missionary served as pastor. In the years that followed, I took on more responsibilities in the church. All the time I became more aware of God's call on my life, and enrolled at the Bible Institute. At about the same time, God brought Randy into my life which led to our marriage in June 1992. I finished my studies in June of 1993 and began to serve with my husband in the country of Chad, Africa, that summer.

**Children** – Jonathan 11/3/94: Jesse 3/30/98

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## **ARMOND & JEAN LeBLANC**

Ministering to Iranians in Turkey





# **Description of Ministry**

Armand and Jean LeBlanc are workers with Christar who have served over seas in Iran, Kenya and Turkey. They have been working with Iranian refugees in Turkey since 2008 and helping begin new fellowships in Asia Minor. Jean leads a women's study group and Armand teaches Bible and doctrine classes. Both visit the refugees in their homes in an attempt to present the Gospel.

Many refugees are coming to Turkey because of persecution and God is harvesting hundreds of souls. They have been in house churches in Iran but now in Turkey the LeBlancs help them join in open churches. In these churches there is more Bible teaching and personal training to help them understand more deeply the truths of the Good News. Armand and Jean have been teaching the basics of the faith and usually baptize over 50 a year. Many come wanting to be sure they are saved so they lead them to the Lord and help them to understand God's plan for their lives.

**Armand LeBlanc** – I was about ten years old when I attended a church camp in Washington State near Seattle. I knew I had never asked Jesus into my heart so when I heard He was standing at the door of my heart, I prayed and invited Him to come into my heart, take over my life and forgive my sins. While in the US army I grew in the Lord and then went to Bible school to become a teacher of the Bible but while praying that God would send forth laborers into the harvest God called me to go to Iran.

Jean LeBlanc – I am from Greensboro, North Carolina. At the age of twelve I made sure of my salvation by praying in my bedroom after hearing a sermon exhorting me to make sure I was truly saved. I gave my heart to go anywhere the Lord would lead me and ended up with Armand in Iran. We met at Columbia International University in Columbia, South Carolina forty years ago. We have four grown children and three teenage grand kids.

I taught the ladies in Turkey the basics of the faith and encouraged them as they waited through the long process of three or four years until the United Nations processes them to come to the States or another country.

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### **ZEKE & MEG MAGIL**

Aviation Ministry in Papua New Guinea



# **Description of Ministry**

The Melton's goal is church planting through extensive evangelism. One of the ways this is accomplished is through Gospel tract distribution. Pat's normal routine is to go out five to six mornings a week and place about two hundred gospel tracts in the Japanese language into mail boxes which is permissible in Japan. On an average Pat will distribute over 17,500 gospel tracts to houses, apartments, businesses, etc. in their area.

They also have Sunday services and weekly Wednesday prayer meeting. Wanda conducts private English Bible classes with ladies in their homes. Summer camp is also important where Pat preaches to both adults and children.

Patrick Melton - In 1953 I joined the USAF and in 1955 was shipped to Misawa AFB located on northern Honshu in Japan. There for the first time I saw Christianity in action. We were cautioned to be alert because imminent possibilities of being bombed. From then on, I began to fear dying, because I knew I was not good enough to go to Heaven. One of my closest friends got saved and began witnessing to me. I had seen a drastic change in Marvin's life and wondered what had happened, and he gladly gave me his testimony. Sometime later I decided to try Marvin's remedy to get rid of my fear and I trusted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. The Holy Spirit came into my heart and totally changed me – I became a new creature in Christ.

Sometime after that I heard an American missionary working in Japan preach. He planted the need for foreign missionaries in my heart. I told the Lord if he wanted me to be a foreign missionary He would have to open the doors and if He did I would go. Wanda and I married, attended four years at BJU, and arrived in Japan with our four children in 1965 as missionaries. I have serve Christ in Japan for over 45 years.

**Children:** William: 9/26/11; Matthew:-11/05/13; Abigail: 04/19/16 **Mission:** Association of Baptist for World Evangelism (ABWE)

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### **PARKER & JESS MANUEL**

Church Plant in Boulder, CO



# **Description of Ministry**

In June of 2017 the Manuel family was commissioned to serve as church planters in the heart of Boulder CO. They believe God is at work in Boulder and are excited to come alongside and play a small part in the big things He is already doing!

The purpose of Pinewood Church is to meet people where they are and point them to Jesus. The Manuels believe that the Word of God, illuminated by the Spirit of God, is enough to produce the people of God. Their prayer is that the church would grow and be a place of shade and refuge for the people of Boulder and that they would truly find rest, community and the hope of Jesus. (Isaiah 55:6-13)

Parker Manuel - I came to faith at the age of 8. I am a walking example of the power of intercessory prayer. My mom felt the conviction of God for my salvation one night while reading Zeph 3:17 where it says "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save..." She wrote down in her Bible "October 11, 1993 - Burdened about Parker's salvation." The next day I was under heavy conviction not knowing where I would spend eternity. That evening I came to my mom and asked her if she could show me how I could know I was going to heaven. I prayed with her and was saved. I was 14 years old when I felt God calling me to full time ministry. From that age to the present, God has placed a clear calling on my life to pastor a church.

Jess Manuel - I grew up in a wonderful loving ministry family in TN! I was in church every time the doors were open, and I truly loved going! Jesus captured my heart when I was nearly 5. It was a "childlike faith" in action because I surely did not understand all that God would show me through the years of His goodness and character. I was baptized shortly after and ever since I can remember my heart was burdened for people that didn't know Jesus, particularly least reached places. In my high school to college years, the Lord began taking me through different seasons and circumstances of life that would grow and strengthen my walk with Him. I certainly have had doubts and questions, but the Lord has kept me near and I have remained faithful to stay near. Obedience led me to marry Parker (I did that willingly), to adopt 2 boys, and now being a mom of 4 kids under 6 while living in a very least reached place of Boulder, Colorado. I'm so honored to risk it all and give my life for His Name and the furtherance of the Kingdom!

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## **JOE & AMY MARSHALL**

Benin, Africa



## **Description of Ministry**

The Marshalls ministry in Benin encompasses three areas:

1. Church planting amongst the Fulani people group.

The medical clinic in their village that partners with their missionary team has opened unexpected doors for building relationships with the Fulani people who usually are difficult to reach. Also plans are to begin weekly visits to other Fulani villages that neighbor theirs. They have met the Fulani chief of one village that is interested in talking more about agricultural development in his region and how it may benefit his people. Through the building of a relationship first they are praying God will open the door for them to share Christ.

2. Encouraging and helping to grow small struggling village churches who are without a pastor.

They are coming alongside small village churches as a support and encouragement especially those churches which lack good pastoral leadership. It is their prayer that not only will God grow these bodies of believers, but that He would provide a national who would partner with them in reaching the children. They would like to start a Sunday school program – teaching the kids songs, Scripture, and Bible stories so that

they can see God's truth and Word strengthen the next generation.

3. Developing a vocational training school for providing handson biblically based education for tomorrow's leaders.

God recently provided for the purchase of a welding shop. This purchase supplies both the facility and tools for the vocational training school. Their objective with this project is to help Christian leaders to better provide for their own needs while helping educate those in their own village. They are beginning with training in agriculture and then hope to spread into the areas of mechanics, woodworking and construction. Though still in the beginning phase, they are already seeing some impact in their local community and the door to evangelism is opening.

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#### **BILLY & BARBARA MARTIN**

**Evangelism and Conference Ministries** 



## **Description of Ministry**

Dr. Martin has a rich and varied background of ministry, having served as pastor, evangelist, and Bible College professor. In addition, he has served extensively in the field of missions. His ministry has allowed him to travel widely in the United States and Canada as well as in South America, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East - a total of forty-eight countries of the world.

His ministries have included thirty years in the pastorate, a blessed ministry with college students, and rewarding opportunities to serve in evangelistic campaigns and conferences. One unique aspect of Dr. Martin's ministry has been the opportunity to conduct over one hundred and fifty revivals and conferences in churches in the Winston-Salem area where the Martins reside

Teamwork best describes the odyssey that began many years ago in a small North Carolina town named Eden. Both Billy and Barbara were born there, on the same street, four houses from each other. As teens they received Christ as Savior and as they dated they both knew that God had called Billy into the ministry. Dr. Martin's academic preparation includes an undergraduate degree from Piedmont Baptist College (Now Piedmont International University) in Winston-Salem, NC, a graduate degree as well as a Doctor of Divinity degree from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, and further studies at Elon University in NC.

Two children, Cindy and Greg, have been a vital part of their ministry. Cindy is now a Minister's wife and married to Rev. Steve Johnson. They have served the same Church for over thirty years. Greg is active in his local church and is President of Billy Martin Evangelistic Ministries, Inc.

In 2017 the Martins celebrated 70 years in ministry. The last 36 years they have been serving in full time evangelism and conference ministries under the auspices of Billy Martin Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. The Association is a non-profit corporation, located in North Carolina, with the burden of getting the gospel to the lost, edifying and encouraging believers, challenging churches for missions, and providing resources for pastors in the area of prayer and ministry.

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#### **RODNEY & DEANNA MAY**

Church Planting in Alaska



# **Description of Ministry**

Rodney and Deanna came to Fairbanks, Alaska to help a dying church that was ready to shut its door. When they arrived, there were 17 people in attendance and they could not pay their bills. They needed a shepherd to come and guide them in the right direction. The congregation threw out one last plea, and the Mays answered.

One of their goals for Shannon Park Baptist Church was to have 100 people within their first year, which was accomplished. They have also been building up their children's ministry. They hope to soon have enough volunteers to have an Awana program for the children.

Other ministry goals are to start small groups, offer Bible Institute classes, and build their board of deacons to four. Another goal is to have people in the church every day of the week. Before the May family arrived, the church doors were closed and locked, only opened for Sunday services. They now have people coming and going doing acts of service at all times of the day during the week.

They also wanted to be a vital part of their community. They partner with the local Food Bank and people come into the church to receive food assistance each week and many have returned on Sunday. Of course, their financial goal is to reach a point where the church can support a full time Senior Pastor.

## **Personal Testimonies**

We have seen some amazing things happen there at Shannon Park Baptist Church. Not only has the attendance risen from 17 to over 100 but many people have professed faith in Christ and got baptized.

The Mays have helped many people get through the struggles that come with winter in Alaska, which includes depression. It is amazing how many people are affected by Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). One of the challenges we have because of many military personnel in the church is called "turn around". Military families can stay for no more than three years in one location. Depending on when they choose to come to the church, it could mean they are at the church for only 6 months or sometimes just 6 weeks before they are relocate again. This has challenged them to dive into relationships fast and make the most of their time with each family. It is difficult because they build relationships with people that end up leaving and must start all over again with someone else.

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### PATRICK & WANDA MELTON

Church Planting in Japan



## **Description of Ministry**

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Sometime after that I heard an American missionary working in Japan preach. He planted the need for foreign missionaries in my heart. I told the Lord if He wanted me to be a foreign missionary He would have to open the doors and if He did I would go. Wanda and I married, attended four years at BJU, and arrived in Japan with our four children in 1965 as missionaries. I have serve Christ in Japan for over 45 years.

**Wanda Melton** - From early childhood I attended a country church with my parents and siblings and heard the gospel proclaimed clearly. But no one explained to me how to receive Jesus as my Savior.

When I was eleven there was an evangelistic meeting at the church, and on a Sunday morning I was seated across the aisle from an unsaved neighbor. Someone went to him and asked him to receive the Lord. I saw him shake his head no and I began weeping. Why would he refuse? That night my parents talked with me and explained the plan of salvation and I asked the Lord to save me there in our living room.

Maybe 3 years later I attended an American Sunday School Union summer camp and had my first contact with a foreign missionary. I dedicated my life to full-time service that week and He has led step by step since.

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## TIM & KIM MELTON Church Planters in Japan



# **Description of Ministry**

Tim and Kim Melton are church planting missionaries in Nagoya, Japan. Nagoya is the third largest metropolitan area in Japan with a daytime population of almost 3 million people (2.2 million residences and nearly 800,000 daily commuters). Having grown up on the mission field of Japan and knowing the language and culture, the Lord gave Tim an opportunity to serve Him in one of the cities Tim had lived in as a child.

They have a Japanese ministry (Calvary Baptist Church) as well as an English-speaking ministry (Nagoya International Baptist Church) for foreigners (those from the Philippines, Malaysia, India, US, Canada, etc.). In addition to and in coordination with their church planting ministries, they are involved in outreach ministries, literature production (Gospel tracts and other materials), song translation, camp ministries, discipleship training, and children's ministries, among others.

**Tim Melton** - I was saved when I was 5 years old. My father was away many evenings working while a student preparing for the ministry, and my mother would read the Bible to us before bed. It was on one such evening that I realized that I was a sinner deserving of God's punishment, but that Christ died in my place and I accepted Him as my Savior.

Kim Melton – I was saved when I was 13 years old. My church was having a round-robin missionary meeting where various missionaries participated. A missionary to Haiti led me to the Lord one night at these meetings.

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#### **BRENT & SUSAN MEYERS**

Bible School Director in Johannesburg, South Africa



## **Description of Ministry**

Brent is the director of Berean Bible Institute, where he develops and teaches modules as well as leads the academic program which focuses on leadership development for the local church. They now have about 100 graduates all around the country of South Africa. He also trains local pastors in several townships. He is an elder at Sandton Bible Church and also trains pastors in other countries: Zambia, Thailand, Solomon Islands. Susan leads a ladies Bible study called Women of the Word and disciples ladies. Together they lead a small group at church. Brent also serves on the board of Christian Freedom International which focuses on helping the persecuted church.

Brent Meyers - I grew up in a pastor's home and trusted Christ as my Savior at the age of five, after a Bible club meeting. I battled assurance of salvation for many years. I kept looking for radical changes in my life for assurance but later came to understand that my security of salvation is based on what Christ has done and not on what I've done or not done. I graduated from Dublin Christian Academy and went on to Burlington Bible Institute, Bob Jones University, Trinity Theological Seminary, and North West University for my education. I've worked in a Christian boarding school setting, ran my own painting business, and served as an interim principal of a Bible school in Labasa, Fiji.

Susan Meyers - I grew up in a horticulturalist's home and at the age of 4, I heard a sermon on my need for a Savior. I went home and trusted Christ as my Savior on my mother's lap. I thought that every time I sinned I needed to get saved again, so every week, my hand would shoot up during the invitation. At 6 ½ I gained assurance in Christ that nothing could separate me from His love. I also graduated from Dublin Christian Academy, Keene State College, and Bob Jones University. I was a teacher and then a children's ministry coordinator at our local church in the USA. I am now a wife and home school mom, as I minster alongside my husband.

**Children:** Kyle - 7/6/95; Leslie – 3/12/98; Sky – 10/16/2000

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#### **RONNIE & EMILY MORALES**

National Pastor in the Philippines



## **Description of Ministry**

The ministry of the Morales is focused on soul winning, church planting, and training nationals. They use various strategies such as house to house visitation and door knocking, home Bible studies, sports evangelism, vacation Bible school, puppet shows, youth camps and programs.

#### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

Ronnie Morales - I was born and raised in a Catholic family. When I was a little child, we used to move from one place to another because of my dad's work. That's how I was influenced with ungodly people doing stuff that was contrary to what the Bible taught. I became an alcoholic at a young age - smoking, gambling, and drugs later on. But on September 30, 1992, I was invited to attend a Wednesday prayer meeting. I went to the church with some of my friends just to see how it was at a Baptist church. When they saw us, they separated us from the congregation and brought us into a Sunday School room. There I heard the gospel of salvation for the very first time. I was lost in sin and bound for hell. Nobody could save me except Jesus. That night without any hesitation I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior.

God began to change my life. Abruptly, I was able to quit alcohol and dope and smoking. I began to honor my parents too. God gave me a love for souls, His Word, and the church. Eleven days later I followed

the Lord in water baptism. My parents, brothers, and sisters saw the changes in me and they were amazed. As a matter of fact, everybody laughed when I prayed for my meal the very first time. Curious about what I found, they also attended church and got saved. Today, there are 6 missionary pastors in our family all serving the Lord in full time service. Two of my brothers are missionaries and 3 of my brothers-in-laws are all missionaries.

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#### **JAMES & HODES NASH**

Church Planting and Training in Brazil



## **Description of Ministry**

The Nash's work in Brazil is basically in the Northeastern part of Brazil in the State of Pernambuco. Their engaged in planting churches, radio ministry, and preaching in Bible conferences as far away as the huge city of São Paulo to remote villages in the Amazon jungle. James is the president of a Bible Institute with three extensions (two are over 600 miles away). He has written seven books and is presently working on a three-volume set concerning the Church. James is also pastoring a church in Caruaru and a mission work of the church, both of which are seeking a Brazilian pastor.

James comments, "I am seventy years old, have relatively good health, enjoy what I am doing, never satisfied with the results, and do not plan on retiring, and have no desire to return to the States. God called me to Brazil, and I plan, God willing, to serve in Brazil until the day I die, and I trust that is not a soon coming event".

### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**James Nash** - When I was nine years old, I was asked by my best friend, the pastor's oldest son, if I wanted to go to Heaven. I answered in the affirmative, so he led me down the aisle to talk to Pastor Askew. He, in turn, asked one of the men of the church to talk with me. In his witnessing to me, he either was unable to speak my child language, or

in my ignorance, I just did not understand. I made a false profession, and two months later followed in a "false baptism", and for years doubted my salvation. One after another of my spiritual counselors would ask me, "Don't you remember praying the sinner's prayer?", and I responded affirmatively, and received my temporary certainty of salvation. Years later, a friend and pastor, Jerry Walls, simply stated, "James, you are on the way to hell. You know the Bible better than many, you just don't know the Christ of the Bible". Several days later I trusted Christ as my Savior, and have never doubted my salvation since that day. I was baptized biblically that very night. A few weeks later the church authorized my ordination. I have served in missions since 1972, either as a missionary or professor of missions. For a short period of time I pastored in the States.



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### **SANTIAGO & JACQUELINE OLORTEGUI**

Ministry to Students on North Carolina Universities' Campuses



## **Description of Ministry**

The Olortegui's ministry is with college students on several of North Carolina's university campuses. Santiago's job involves planning all the activities for the ministry such as: Bible Studies for college students, outings, retreats, conferences, mission's trips, etc. He also organizes the Bible teaching curriculum that is taught, leads Bible Studies, recruits and interviews volunteers and potential staff members, presents and reports about the ministry in churches, as well as, raising funds for the organization and programs. Santiago reports to the Board of Directors of Pathway College Outreach Ministry.

### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**Santiago Olortegui** - I was born in Lima, Peru and am the firstborn son of Jewish European immigrants to South America. As a child, I remember observing some of our traditions but it did not mean anything to me personally. Peru is very Catholic and I was called an "Atheist" or "Jew," because I was not baptized in the Catholic Church. I always had a hunger to know more about God but my parents could not tell me much. When I was nine I went to a Vacation Bible School at a Baptist church of an American missionary and heard the gospel for the first time. Several months later I got saved after an evening service. After my Bar Mitzvah both of my parents started to oppose me attending my church. I dedicated my life to serve the Lord at 14 and at 18 I went to the

Word of Life Bible College in Argentina where I met my wife who had come to study from Australia.

Jacqueline Oloregui-Green - I was born in Temuco, Chile. About my ninth birthday, one of our neighbors invited my siblings and me to his church and we attended a Sunday School and heard Bible stories for the first time. My family was in the process of immigrating to Australia and not long after our arrival to Australia my parents started to attend a Baptist church in Sydney. One Sunday evening, our pastor was preaching about Jesus' sacrifice and I realized that even though I was only 10 years old, I was still a sinner. That night I trusted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. At the age of 16 I dedicated my life to God and knew that God was calling me to serve Him. After High School and Business College I knew that I needed to go to Bible College. I attended for 3 years at Word of Life Bible College in Argentina.

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#### **JAMES & LAUREN PEAVY**

Biblical Training in the Dominican Republic



# **Description of Ministry**

The Peavys came to the Dominican Republic with the goal of helping establishment a seminary. In September of 2017 Seminary classes began with a 4-year course designed specifically towards training men for the pastorate. They have partnered with five Dominican pastors to help share the teaching load with the expressed intention of turning the seminary over to them as quickly as possible. The vision that they have cast before the Dominican pastors is the following; 2021- first graduating class, 2027 - Masters of Arts in Biblical Studies begins, 2032 - Complete indigenization of the seminary.

### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

James Peavy - The importance of missions was instilled in me at a very young age. I accepted Christ when I was a child and was baptized by immersion in Calvary Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida. While in high school I dedicated my life to serving the Lord and spent the summer after my junior year in Australia with Baptist Mid Missions missionaries, Rob and Jackie Ernst. As a result of Rob's influence and example during that summer I knew that God wanted me in full time Christian service.

After high school, I was led to Piedmont International University in Winston- Salem, NC where I began pursuing pastoral studies and later changed to a mission major. On December 13th, 2008 Lauren and I were married. After completing an internship with Rob Ernst in 2009. we felt the Lord was calling us back to Australia and in 2010 started raising support. In 2013 when we began the visa application process for Australia we realized that God was closing that door. After receiving wise counsel, we redirected to the Dominican Republic and finally arrived in 2017.

**Lauren Peavy** - My parents became Christians when I was two years old and immediately set to teaching me about their wonderful God. I was just five years old when I realized that I was a sinner and wanted God's forgiveness. During the next few years I grew in faith and I was baptized at age eleven. During my ninth-grade year I attended a Leadership Conference where I realized that though I had been walking with the Lord I had not been earnestly seeking His will in my life. At the end of the week I knew God wanted me to surrender my life to full time missions, and I did. One of the shaping influences in my life as a Christian was the summer that I spent teaching English in China. I realized on that trip that although I knew God wanted me to serve as a foreign missionary, I was not promised a husband. Therefore, I enrolled in the English Education Program at Piedmont International University to equip myself with a skill that would be valuable on the mission field. As a result, I met my amazing husband.

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### **RODNEY & TINA POPLIN**

Reaching Youth and Young Adults in South Africa



# **Description of Ministry**

The Poplins are part of a church planting team with their first church being Agape Baptist. They have plans to plant other churches as God allows. Their main ministry is working with the youth and young adults, as well as, organizing other evangelistical outreaches. They are hoping to soon have a ministry center for greater outreach into the community.

## **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**Tina Poplin** - I was born into a Christian home. My parents were in seminary preparing to go to Brazil as missionaries when I came along. At 3 years old, I began to ask my mom questions about Heaven. She was able to give me the plan of salvation in a way I could understand, and I accepted Christ as my Savior. As a result of being so young and not remembering it well, I struggled with doubts as a young person. God began to work in my heart and when I was 13 while at summer camp He confirmed to me that I was saved and I, also, dedicated my life to Christ.

After graduating from high school in Brazil, I returned to the United States and attended Piedmont International University. Shortly after, I met Rod and we were married in May of 1990. God blessed our home with two children, Brittany and Drew. We settled into a comfortable lifestyle while Rod worked hard to secure our future. Although we were

very involved in serving God in our local church, something was missing. I felt that God wanted more from us, specifically, I had the desire to be involved in missions but Rod's heart was not open to this. So I waited a number of years and prayed. In 2000, during our annual mission's conference and a subsequent trip to Brazil, Rod surrendered his life to God and missions.

**Rodney Poplin** - My story is similar to Tina's in that I, too, was born into a Christian home. My dad, led me to Christ when I was five years old. At the age of 16, I felt God's call to the mission field, but there was a problem with that - I didn't want to be a missionary! I wanted to be rich, and I didn't know too many missionaries with fat bank accounts! I reasoned with God that it would be more productive to allow me to become wealthy and use that wealth to send many missionaries to the field instead of just one - me. It made sense to me, so at sixteen, I thought I had made my deal with God.

After high school, I attended Piedmont Baptist College for one year. I told folks that I was going to give God a chance to see if He could use me in some type of ministry, but the truth was, I was going just to get my parents and my pastor (Dr. Howard Wilburn) off my back. After that year, I left Piedmont to pursue my goal of amassing wealth.

Two years later, who did I meet and fall in love with - a missionary kid who loved missions and hoped to go back to the field. I worked long hours to provide for my family. I thought that I could drown out God's voice by constantly working. Finally, God got my attention and eventually broke my will after a trip to Brazil in 2000 and a mission's trip to New York City in 2001. I finally surrendered everything to God and began preparing to be a missionary.

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#### **RICK & PATTY REYNOLDS**

Romania



## **Description of Ministry**

Rick felt called to be a Pastor at 27 years of age and served in the pastorate in the United States for 30 years. For 14 of those years he was heavily involved in mission work in Romania on a short-term basis. Rick helped with camps for Romanian and Rom (Gypsy) children and taught the Bible and leadership skills to the Rom pastors and leaders in the churches. The work in Romania had developed to a point where he could no longer meet its demands on a short-term basis. So, answering Father's call they began the ardent task of raising support as a full time missionary.

**Rick Reynolds** - It is an amazing thing to realize the hand of God on your life. I was asked by a friend to attend a canoe outing with a large group of friends. It was at this event that I heard the Gospel message for the first time. After attending Bible study and church services at Berea Baptist in Berea, Ohio for 3 weeks, I answered the Lord's call to salvation on July 21, 1974 and was baptized that September. By December of that year I was engaged to a wonderful godly young lady named Patty, (she was the one who asked me to canoe) we had been friends since 5th grade. On July 10, 1976 we were married and have been growing in our love for each other and in our relationship with God ever since. At the age of 27 God called us into full time ministry so we headed to Clark Summit PA to study at Baptist Bible College (Summit University). Looking back, I realize God's faithful hand through it all - full time student, working 40-50 hours a week and raising a family. I love serving my Father and believe the greatest ability He is looking for in His children is availability.

Patty Reynolds - At the age of 15, I heard an evangelist ask the audience, "If you would die tonight, where would you spend your eternity?" I went forward and received Christ. Because I changed to a new high school, the Lord gave me some new Christian friends who invited me to church with them. I was baptized and became a member of Berea Baptist Church in Berea, Ohio. I was involved with the college and career class and invited Rick to go on a canoe outing where he heard the Gospel. We married and set our lives to serve the Lord. We have 5 grown children 3 girls and 2 boys all are married, and we are blessed with 10 grandchildren.

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### **DAVID & LIZ ROACH**

Awana Clubs' Director for North Carolina



## **Description of Ministry**

The mission of David and Liz Roach is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ by serving and equipping local churches and ministry volunteers. They believe that there are children and teens right in our neighborhoods and cities that desperately need Jesus – so each one can be a missionary right where God has placed them.

David is a Central Atlantic missionary with AWANA International. AWANA stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 and is an international evangelical Christian nonprofit organization. The mission of Awana is to help reach kids, equip leaders and change the world for God. There are 12,200 churches in the United States involved in AWANA and 6,000 more churches internationally.

Through a well-developed program, this organization is training leaders to reach children with the Gospel. Presently they are reaching 3.6 million children each week globally!

There are roughly 3.3 million children 18 and under in the Carolinas. The Barna studies discovered that almost 2/3 of Christians accept Christ before the age of 18. The goal of the Carolina team leaders is to reach 100,000 children each week in the Carolinas by 2020.

**David Roach** - We have been AWANA missionaries since 2010. We are even now seeing our own children, Cora and Jack, begin their AWANA journeys. What an awesome joy to see our children learning more about our Lord and Savior!

I had the privilege of being a part of AWANA from kindergarten through high school. I was also guickly involved as a Student Leader and later oversaw the AWANA ministry at my church. It made a tremendous difference on my life personally through the discipleship and Bible verses I learned at AWANA.

Now, as missionaries, we're able to do ministry by multiplication! On an average, we've helped start 14 AWANA clubs each year. Since the average AWANA club is 65 kids, that's nearly 1,000 children each year beginning a lifetime of discipleship! How awesome is that?!? Praise be to God!

**Children:** Cora- 11/14/12; Jack- 3/10/2015

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## LOVIMIE (Dondon) & GINA RODA

National Church Planter in the Philippines



# **Description of Ministry**

The Rodas are in their third church plant in the Philippines.

Their work consists of reaching the lost and strengthening the believers. Their areas of ministry are: soul winning, Bible studies, training nationals, feeding children ministry, prison ministry and radio programs. As well, in the churches they support and encourage local pastors and mentor young people saved in the ministry. At the present they are pastoring in several different places.

## **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**Dondon Roda** – I was born on September 19, 1975 in Mindanao, Philippines. My parents separated when I was 2 years old and my grandparents raised me. As I grew older, I started to ask my grandparents about the whereabouts of my father and decided to search for him without the knowledge and approval of my grandparents. I traveled 2 nights and 3 days by ship. I reached Manila and started to look for my father.

When I felt hopeless and starving, I just sat alongside of the street and cried. But God is good! There was an older lady passing by and saw me and she offered to give me food and invited me to come to her house. That night, the older lady shared from the Bible, about God's love and

how the Lord Jesus Christ died and gave Himself for me. I realized that I was lost and I needed to be saved. I repented of my sin and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior that night.

I thank God for that wonderful lady who was used by God. She adopted me and sent me to school until I went to study in the Bible school and now I have been in the ministry for almost 17 years which is the fruit of this dear, godly lady.

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### **JONATHAN & HANNAH ROMAINE**

Church Planting in Northern Spain



The Romaines are working with a team to plant churches and teach the Scriptures. Their hope and goal are to give ownership to the Spaniards at the start and allow them to move the church in the direction the Lord is leading them. Their desire is to raise up and encourage national pastors, missionaries, and laymen in the church to further the church planting movement throughout Spain. They are planning on being involved in theological education to national pastors, also. They presently are establishing a work in Logrono in northern Spain.

#### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

Jonathan and Hannah Romaine – When people talk about God perfectly preparing and uniquely creating them for their spouse, they are talking about couples like us. Hannah and I were both raised in Christian homes where we heard and accepted the gospel of Jesus Christ at young ages. The similarities of our upbringing do not stop there though. The military has been a big part of both of our lives. I have a long family history of military service dating back to the Civil War and Hannah is the daughter of a Navy pilot. Of course, we are different, but some interests we share include love of the outdoors, exercising, playing games, and meeting people. However, it was a God given passion for serving the Lord and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ that ultimately drew us together, creating a very deep bond.

In junior high school the Lord used an opportunity to witness to a Catholic boy that Hannah was babysitting to show her that she needed to be actively pursuing His purposes for her life. Hannah grew in her walk with the Lord during this time and even more while she was away at college pursuing her Bachelors in Exercise and Sport Science with a Bible Minor at Cedarville University. While there she was very involved in AWANA, campus discipleship ministries, and took several short-term missions trips including ones to Bangladesh and Kosovo.

After high school, I served 6 years in the Air Force. The Lord gave me many opportunities for success in the military. I was a part of the security for the Presidential flying fleet and served at the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. During my travels around the world and while at home at my local church, I began growing in my Christian walk through the study of His Word and being involved at church. As I grew, the Lord began to open my eyes to missions and the great need for sound national churches to be planted abroad. In a step of obedience, I surrendered my life to full time missions, left the Air Force, and pursued Biblical instruction at Piedmont International University. Hannah and I were married in June 2007, the summer before my junior year at Piedmont after Hannah graduated from Cedarville. Since then I have also obtained my Masters in Biblical Studies from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Virginia Beach.



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### **ANDREW & ROMINA SELF**

Church Planting and Leadership Training



## **Description of Ministry**

Andrew and Romaine are currently church planting in Florida, a sector of Buenos Aires Argentina. Florida is a middle-class community with many different churches, but few that preach the gospel. They have been holding services for several years now and the congregation is growing.

Most of their efforts are placed on outreach opportunities. Those include weekly knitting classes, conversational English classes, roller hockey, singing lessons, and Christmas musicals. They also devote much time to discipleship of believers and ministering from the Word of God.

Mark is also involved in the training of lay leadership and future pastors by teaching in the Seminary.

**Andrew Self** - I was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. My parents have served God faithfully in Argentina for more than 35 years; so of course, I grew up being bilingual and involved in ministry from a very young age. I was blessed to have grown up in a family that always kept God in first place in their lives.

I was saved when I was six years old through the ministry of a missionary couple in Argentina. Later, I was baptized at the age of twelve. A few months later, during a mission's conference, a national Argentine speaker came to share the need there was in Argentina. That night the Lord planted a desire and a burden in my heart to serve Him in ministry. Since that time, I have been involved in many evangelistic opportunities, discipling Christians, and teaching and preaching in the local church. The Lord burdened me to return to Argentina to reach the upper class there. Currently, there are few, if any, ministries in this area. I have been blessed with already knowing and understanding the culture, as well as speaking the Spanish language.

Romina Self – I was born July 3rd, 1980 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I was saved when I was six years old in a Sunday School class at church in Argentina where my teacher led me to the Lord. Later, I was baptized when I was 14 years old. From that moment on I participated in various ministries in my local church.

Children: Emily Brianna – 5/22/08; Megan Grace 4/12/16.

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### **MARK & ANAHI SELF**

CHURCH Planting in El Talar, Buenos Aires, Argentina



# **Description of Ministry**

Their ministry assignment is to plant a daughter church in the area of El Talar which is in the northern section of Buenos Aires. When this church is established and mature in the faith, they will turn it over to national leadership and move into a new area. They hope to be in their own permanent building in the early part of 2018. They are also involved in preaching and teaching in the mother church in Don Torcuato.

Preparation of the national leadership is also an important part of their work. Mark teaches Greek at the Bible College and meets weekly with a group of national pastors.

Mark Self - I was born and grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina where my parents have served as missionaries for more than 35 years. This had well prepared me for the ministry here, having spoken Spanish from a young age and being involved in the ministry with my parents.

I was saved in 1992 in a junior church class. Later in 1994 I was baptized. In 1997 I went to camp, where the Lord called me to be a missionary. I was not certain where the Lord would lead but I was willing to go. At the age of sixteen the Lord confirmed that the place He was leading me was Buenos Aires, Argentina and burdened me to plant churches. After graduating from high school, I continued my education by attending Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa where I received a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies and later a Master of Divinity from Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Anahi Self** – I was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina into a Christian family. My parents taught me concerning the love of God and His Word. But my parents found it difficult to find a doctrinally sound church. In 1999 my family came to Missionary Baptist Church of Don Torcuato where the Ron Self family was ministering. There I had the opportunity to hear the gospel clearly presented and repented of my sin and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior. Serving the Lord in ministry has been a desire the Lord has put upon my heart for many years. I have served in many different areas in this church and now have the privilege of serving with my husband in our new work. I have a teaching degree with a special emphasis on preschool and kindergarten. I also had the opportunity to take many classes at a Bible Institute in Argentina.

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#### **BRIAN & LOUANN SHANNON**

Ministering to the Tohono O'Odham Nation in Arizona



## **Description of Ministry**

The Shannons are serving on the Tohono O'Odham Nation Indian Reservation located in southwestern and central Arizona. These Native Americans number about 10,000 people.

They serve in many capacities between two churches, as well as various outreach ministries, and a village Bible club. They hope to extend their ministries into other villages as well. Due to the extreme poverty level of the people that they are reaching, it is difficult for their churches to obtain a level where they are self-supporting.

**Brian Shannon** – I was born and raised just outside of Charlotte, NC. With praying grandparents, pastor and church family who refused to give up on our family, we were loved and prayed for and witnessed to by many people over a period of several years. As a six year old boy one Wednesday night I realized my own personal sin and need for a Savior. I'm thankful Jesus saved me all those years ago. Later my parents were missionaries on the Tohono O'Odham reservation in Arizona, and I helped them out while attending the university. Through the opportunities I had to help in their ministry, the Lord burdened my heart personally for the same people.

**Louann Shannon** – I grew up on the reservation and was saved as a teenager. I became involved in attending Brian's parent's ministries, church services and grew to become a very faithful Christian. Through those years Brian's and my hearts were knit together and we were wed. The Lord has blessed us with a great marriage and 3 kids at home, and one currently attending Bible College. We're thankful to serve together with Brian's parents between two different churches. One church his parents established many years back, and the other one the Lord has allowed us to start about an hour south of them. We also minister in several other villages across the reservation. Our desire is to see the dear Native people learn of Jesus Christ and then have a personal relationship with Him as their Savior.

**Children:** Lilly 10/22, Rebecca 4/19, Brandon 5/29, Benjamin

2/19

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### **JOEL & BEVERLY SHOAF**

Church Planting in New Zealand



## **Description of Ministry**

The Shoafs have planted Bay Baptist Church in the city of Napier, New Zealand. They are reaching out to the lost, training believers and developing leadership for the church. Their goal is to continue to develop this church until it can be turned over to a national pastor and then move into a new area to begin the process again.

## **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**Joel Shoaf** - I was born in North Carolina and at the age of five I trusted Christ as my Savior. When I was thirteen, my family went to Brazil as missionaries with Baptist Mid-Missions. Upon completing high school in Brazil, I returned to North Carolina where I attended Piedmont Bible College and graduated in 1983.

As a teenager I assisted my parents in a church plant in Brazil and also helped in the camp ministry which was their primary ministry in Brazil. During college I spent four summers working in Christian youth camps in Indiana. Upon graduation from college, I worked as a youth pastor for three years at Community Baptist Church in Greensboro, and three years at Victory Baptist Church in Cooleemee, both in North Carolina. While at Piedmont, I met Beverly and we were married in 1984 and now have three children. In 1989, we were commissioned and arrived on the field in 1992.

**Beverly Shoaf** – I, too, was born in North Carolina. At the age of nine I trusted Christ as my Savior. A short time later, a missionary from Africa spoke to my church. During his presentation, I felt God calling me into missions. I was raised in a godly home and involved in my church since my teens.

Upon completing high school, I attended Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem North Carolina. . I also spent two summers working as a counselor in Christian camps in Indiana. During the summer of my junior year I worked on a kibbutz (a communal settlement in Israel, typically a farm) with Baptists for Israel. During my senior year in college I married Joel. After graduating I taught school for three years at Sheets Memorial Christian School. I play a key role in leading women's Bible studies, youth ministry with teen girls and with the music ministry at Bay Baptist in New Zealand.

**Children:** Daniel - 1989, Joseph – 1992; Sarah - 1996

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**Grant & Rebecca Skelton**Church Planting in Hong Kong





# **Description of Ministry**

Grant and Rebecca served short term in Kunming, China as a part of a team with a veteran family in two established ministries. The veteran family was forced to return to America for health reasons, therefore, the Skelton's first years on the field were quite active. They studied the Chinese language and headed up evangelistic outreaches, which consisted of weekly English classes, preschool play groups, elementary age "Lego" club, college and single game nights, and ladies cooking classes. They have used these events to train the local Christians how to share their testimonies during the event. They also assist other local pastors.

The Lord has laid on Grant's heart to do a more traditional type of ministry within the local church. So they are now ministering to the Chinese people in Hong Kong where there is a great measure of freedom. Because of the difficulty of the work and the high cost of living, there are few missionaries reaching this city of 7.4 million people; 93.5% who are unreached.

**Grant Skelton** - I was born into a Christian family and was practically raised at the Florence Baptist Temple. At the age of 5, I received Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. However, it wasn't until my early 20s that I became discontent with living a mediocre, even worldly Christian life. God used the discontent and conviction over sin to draw me into a closer, daily relationship with Him that led me to begin serving in our local church. Through serving, I began to feel the Lord leading me to go to seminary and prepare for some type of full time ministry. However, I still struggled to fully obey the call God had placed on my life.

I had earned an MBA and had given the last 12 years of my life to helping build a company with my father. I did not think I would ever be able to leave R. Skelton Enterprises and surrender my all. Then, one morning while reading Romans 12:1-2, the Lord made it abundantly clear that I was to present my whole life to Him as a living sacrifice. He also used this verse to convince me that I could trust Him to be in control of my life. That day, I surrendered to Him everything, including my career, my family, and my future. Since that day, the Lord has proven Himself faithful, merciful and good. Overtime, He clearly showed me He had called me to be a missionary and to serve Him in China.

**Children:** Harrison 7/22/09; Suzanne 2/4/11; Adelle

7/4/13

**Mission:** Baptist Bible Fellowship International

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#### **WES & MARIA SMITH**

Preparing Church Leaders in the Dominican Republic



## **Description of Ministry**

The mission of the Smiths is educational in nature. It is multifaceted:

1st-is the establishment and development of a seminary on their section of the island. The purpose is to train pastors and church leaders to direct churches and ministries in the carrying out of the Great Commission. They then want to take these leaders and assist them in planting and leading in the development of new churches or in the growth of their present church.

2nd - involves the continued development of a Christian School in San Pedro. Wes serves on the Board of Directors and finance committee of the school and also teaches a couple of science classes in the high school area.

3rd – starting a new church in the poor village of Esperanza. This New Hope ministries is in the beginning stages. They are building relationships with various activities with the children and adults such as: game nights and English classes. Some of these are done by the students at the Las Palmas Christian School. They are hoping to start Bible studies and that will grow into an established church.

Wes Smith - I came to know the Lord as the result of a Christian school ministry. At age 10, I came to understand my need of the Savior. On a Sunday afternoon, my Mom led me to the Lord using a Bible tract as a guide. The impact of the Christian school on my life was incredibly powerful, and it was natural to go into Christian education. After 35 years of ministry in Christian school administration, I resigned to come to the Dominican Republic.

My first wife died in January, 2006 and in the fall of 2011, during the deputation process, I met Maria, and we were married on my birthday four months later.

Maria Smith - I grew up in Quito, Ecuador. My parents were not very interested in church or spiritual things. However, my Dad loved to listen to a Christian radio station (HCJB) located in Quito. Since Dad listened to this every day, I listened also. In my early 20's I heard a message that convicted me of my sin and I bowed down in my room and accepted Jesus as my Savior. Several years later I came to the US and married my first husband. We were married for 13 years before he passed away leaving me with my 5 year-old daughter. I was a widow for 15 years until I met Wes. My daughter is now married.

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## **AMBADYIL (Mani) SUBRAMANIAN**

Open Air Evangelism in India



## **Description of Ministry**

Mani is the International Director of Bible Open Air Mission. This organization is committed to the Great Commission. They go to people where they live and present the Gospel.

Bible Open Air Mission (BOAM) went to India in 1997 to train Indian nationals to serve in that country. Mani was one of the trainees then. After a few years of ministry in India the board asked him to oversee the work in India. In 2015 the board approached him again but this time international director of the mission.

His work involves training nationals in the open air type of evangelism. As people get saved they start Bible studies in various locations. As these Bible studies grow and when the new believers are ready they baptize them and start worship groups and later form churches. Part of Mani's responsibilities is to find leaders for the Bible study groups, as well as, leaders to shepherd the new local churches. Mani, along with his team leaders are always keeping a close eye on the new believers to see whom God has His hand upon to be trained and to send them back to these new churches that are forming. In India alone, at present, they have planted 107 churches and 136 Bible studies that they hope soon to convert to churches.

They follow this similar pattern all over the world where the Lord has opened up a ministry. Right now, they serve in ten countries including USA. In African the ministry is in four countries: Liberia, Ivory Coast,

Sierra Leon and Guinea. The organization also serves in Honduras, India, Philippines Ukraine and West Indies.

#### **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

Mani Subramanian - I got saved through an open-air ministry and the Lord gave me the opportunity to serve Him through a similar ministry. I am so grateful to all the Lord has done and will do. Thank the Lord for your prayers and support. We are partners together in building up God's Kingdom.

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### **CLETIS & TAMMY TITUS**

Mission Conferences & Mission Trips to Jamaica & the Caribbean



## **Description of Ministry**

Cletis and Tammy Titus were career missionaries in Jamaica until a serious health condition of Tammy forced them to come home. Since that time they have presented the call to missions in numerous Mission Conferences as Special Representative of Baptist Mid-Missions. In addition, they host mission's trips to Jamaica each year and preach on other islands in the Caribbean.

Cletis Titus: I was born to Baptist Mid-Mission missionaries in Kentucky. Through the faithful teaching of God's Word and the love of a Christian family, I was born again on my sixth birthday. Just a few years later I surrendered my life to serve the Lord at a Missions Conference. The teen years brought assurance of salvation, growth in the Lord and a steady confirmation of the call to service. I went to Piedmont International University in 1977 where I met Tammy and we were wed in 1980. In each of my subsequent ministries, missions has been the central focus. It was when I was pastoring that God worked in my life about career missions and in 2007 I announced to my church the call to serve in Jamaica as a church planter and Theological Education. In the fall of 2010 we planted the Bay Life Baptist Church in Montego Bay, Jamaica. In April of 2012 I was appointed as a Special Representative for Baptist Mid Missions and travel the Southeast USA ministering in churches and hosting mission teams to the Caribbean.

I received my M.A. from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. I have also served on the boards of Piedmont Baptist College, E.B.I. (Spanish Literature Ministry) and the General Council of Baptist Mid-Missions and currently am a Trustee of Piedmont International University.

**Tammy Titus** – I was born in Lakeland, Florida to missionaries Jim and Betty Cooper. My parents left for the field of South Caicos, West Indies when I was six months old. When I was seven my family moved to the island of Nassau, Bahamas where they planted two churches and a Christian Academy. When I was 13, my dad passed away after a brief illness. It was at that time that I accepted Christ as my personal Savior in Lakeland, Florida.

Upon graduating from Lakeland Christian School I attended Piedmont International University where I met my husband. The Lord has blessed us with four children: Stefanie, Summer, Randy and Seth and our niece Whitney.

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# **JON TRUHE** Church Planting in a Closed Country



## **Description of Ministry**

On our mission field, there are still over 30 people groups that have no churches, no believers, and no gospel workers. There is an urgent need for more believers to engage these groups. We are involved locally in church planting and catalyzing disciple making movements. We work regionally with national leaders to get more local believers involved in reaching out to unreached unengaged people groups.

We also work with an organization that helps people with disabilities and does water projects in areas with limited access to water. These activities provide opportunities to share the love of Jesus in villages where there are no churches or believers.

Though the work has been difficult at times, it is rewarding to see the difference it has make in people's lives. May many more workers be raised up to spread the good news to those who need it so badly.

**Jon Truhe:** After spending a lot of my teenage years avoiding church and ridiculing Christians, I found myself surrounded by a group of godly, caring kids at my school. They prayed for me and challenged me with the truths of the gospel. Initially, their constant talking about Jesus annoyed me, but over time, their love for God really started to appeal to me. Around the same time, I started reading a little Gideon's New Testament that I found under a bus seat. Reading God's Word and being challenged by a caring group of believers had a powerful impact in my life. After hearing a man named Cletis share the good news, I finally surrendered to God's drawing.

Kristi Truhe: I grew up in a great family. My parents had a love for God and a love for people that was displayed in genuine and practical ways. As they discipled my older brothers and sisters, I was really drawn to the love of Jesus. At a young age, I put my faith in God. Growing up, I was also exposed to how the gospel was multiplying in other countries. Seeing the faith of believers from other countries made me open to taking the gospel to places where it was not known.

**Children:** Jaiden: 7/1/04: Kenan: 9/17/08: Kaelen: 4/3/11

Mission: Christar

**DON & LEANNE WAITE** Church Planting in Slovakia





# **Description of Ministry**

The Waites served two years in Ethiopia before transferring to Slovakia in 2001. Don pastors a church in Kezmarok in the northeast of Slovakia and uses many evangelistic methods such as weekly kids' clubs, monthly youth and ladies' meetings, VBS in the summer, home Bible studies, and discipling.

In 2010 they started teaching English in several area businesses to have contact with more people and are currently teaching 11 classes a week. This has opened many doors to share the Gospel. In 2014 they became involved in a youth group that meets about 15 miles north which has about 35 young people between the ages of 15 and 25. Several of them love the Lord and are passionate about witnessing. Most of them are from very strong Catholic or Lutheran families. Several parents have threatened to throw them out of their homes if they continue to visit our church.

## **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

**Don Waite** - I was raised in a Christian home, the youngest of seven children. My father was a faithful deacon and Sunday School teacher

at Calvary Baptist in Athens, PA. At age six he presented me with a Bible and showed me from it that God loved me and sent his Son to die in my place for my sins. I accepted Him as my Savior that night. I went into the military after high school and was active in local churches wherever I was stationed and helped with Bible studies on ship. The Lord impressed upon me that He wanted me in the ministry as a vocation rather than the military, so I went to Bible College in 1990. In the summer of 1991, I went to Central African Republic and the Lord used that trip to direct me into missions. I have a B.A. in Biblical studies from Piedmont Bible College.

**LeAnne Waite** – I grew up in a missionary family in the Central African Republic and accepted the Lord as my personal Savior at the age of five. I was active in my parents' ministry until going to college. During my years at Piedmont I was involved in traveling music and mission's groups from the college and worked in my local church. After graduating with a BS in Music Education I spent two years in Brazil in a school for missionary children and helped in one of the local churches. Upon returning I taught for a year at Union Grove Christian School in Lexington, NC. I was on deputation with Baptist Mid-Missions when I met Don.

**Children:** David- 9/17/96; Vivian- 2/6/03

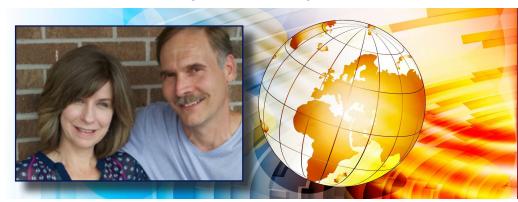
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#### NATE & KAROL WATKINS

Reaching Liberian Refugees in New York City



## **Description of Ministry**

The Watkins are ministering on Staten Island to an area known as "Little Liberia", the largest community of Liberians in the world outside of the country of Liberia itself. With the inner-city influences and challenges, establishing a solid work has been difficult. Because they are surrounded by two gangs (the Crips and the Bloods) and there are many shootings, some solid families are leaving the area and therefore, there church. They do, however, have some faithful families who have remained and have a vision to reach this community.

They are currently meeting in a rec room in the projects and praying for a building where they can all be under one roof. Presently they walk the children to Sunday classes several blocks away and across a busy street!

The Watkins lead and oversee various ministries. Sunday afternoons they have the youth Bible Study and Fun night. They lead men's breakfast and Bible studies, ladies meetings, summer school, VBS, camp, and are adding a Sports Ministry. Each summer they have several community outreaches which are Free Cookouts in a "park" area in the middle of the projects. They play Christian music while serving food, followed by an evangelistic message.

Nate Watkins - I was born to missionary parents in Liberia, West Africa and put my faith in Christ at a young age. Later I met Karol at Piedmont Bible College

while training for missionary service. We joined BMM in July 1987 and served in Liberia, West Africa until a Civil War forced us to evacuate. We ended up serving in the Ivory Coast, working primarily with Liberian War refugees until Karol's health crisis in 2004 which ended in her being flown to France on an air-ambulance. After many doctor visits and counsel from our Pastors, it became clear that we should not return to Africa. I served for a short time as Discipleship and Counseling Pastor at Bethesda Baptist in Brownsburg, Indiana while Karol's health was stabilizing, and they were praying for God's direction.

In May 2007, we were looking into several missionary opportunities among immigrants in the United States, when BMM asked us to pray about working with the Liberian refugees in Staten Island, New York. After visiting for eight days with the small fellowship in Staten Island, we felt right at home with the Liberian people and believed that this ministry was a fit for our ministry training, background and God-given gifts and passion!

**Mission:** Baptist Mid-Mission

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## **ART WILLIAMS** Open Art Evangelism in New York City



# **Description of Ministry**

Bible Open Air Mission (BOAM) is an independent, fundamental, Baptist mission dedicated to open-air evangelism. BOAM was founded in April of 1991 by two evangelists, Art Williams and Jack Kreidler, and a group of Independent Fundamental Baptist pastors. It is a "by faith" mission.

Their strategy is to conduct open-air meetings in population centers working with all ages and classes of people. They conduct many different kinds of meetings that they believe to be effective with various groups. Some of the meetings they utilize: are adult open-air meetings in shopping areas, night-life areas, bus stops and subway platforms. They also do special meetings for teenagers seeking to present the Gospel to them in the areas where they congregate. BOAM is also committed to working heavily with children doing special meetings on their behalf in neighborhood parks, projects, beaches and wherever children gather.

At present, BOAM is working not only in the New York City area, but also in India, Honduras, Philippines Ukraine and West Indies and Africa. Their prayer is that the Lord will continue to add other teams in population centers across America and the world to reach the lost with the Gospel.

## The Program of Bible Open Air Mission

- 1. Conduct strategic open-air meetings in population centers.
- 2. Work closely with local church planters to evangelize needy areas and plant fundamental churches.
- 3. Train open-air evangelistic teams for the local church and Bible colleges.
- 4. Teach open-air evangelism in Bible institutes, colleges and seminaries, refer new converts to sound fundamental churches,
- 5. Enlist those new converts in Bible correspondence lessons and encourage them in every way to walk with the Lord.

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# **DANIEL WINEMILLER**

Romania



## **Description of Ministry**

Daniel's ministry in Romania will be focused on three main areas:

- (1) sharing the love of Christ through the gospel with children, teens, and adults.
- (2) developing leaders from their youth to be potential future church planters and pastors.
- (3) setting up solid based evangelism, discipleship, and specialized counseling to displaced children, teens, and adults. The result of these ministries would be multiplying churches as these discipled people fulfill their calling to go out and share the gospel to mission fields abroad.

Romania has been a country that constantly has bad news, Daniel's goal as a missionary is to present the good news ("Vesta Buna") of the Gospel. He is now in the process of raising funds to be able to go to Romania. On his arrival, he will partner with current ministries that are there, in an effort to learn about them and enhance them while learning the language and understanding the culture. Daniel's prayer is that of Jabez : "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested." 1 Chronicles 4:10

## **Personal Salvation Testimonies**

I was born in Oradea, Romania in 1989. The country was at the end of a horrific time in its history. With an unstable government and a toppling regime there was much uncertainty. My family did not have a stable income due to the communists' control. Many families resorted to finding any means possible of making a living, and that led to immoral or illegal means. I came from that type of situation. Because my parents did not hold down a stable job, my brothers and I were put in a state-run orphanage for many years. I thank God for His unseen hand through all these events.

During my time in the orphanage, God was working in my future American parents' hearts. My dad was preparing to go on a mission trip to Romania. While he was there he encountered a college student who had a child with her. Upon guestioning her, he realized that the child was an orphan available for adoption. To make a very long story short my parents sacrificed much to adopt me. There were numerous difficulties, but God worked every step of the way. Many times, we felt it was "two steps forward, one step back." Part of this journey to bring me home involved my family living in Canada while awaiting my American visa. During our time there, I not only learned English, but more importantly came to understand the Gospel. I remember a preacher giving a clear message of how we are sinners and that Jesus Christ died to be our Savior. After the service I asked my parents about things that I didn't understand and trusted Christ as my Savior.

**Mission:** Association of Baptist for World Evangelism (ABWE)

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### **KOFFI & ELISABETH WODOME**

Lome, Togo, West Africa



## **Description of Ministry**

The Wodome family were born and raised in Togo and therefore, do not face any cross-cultural issues as they minister to their people. Their goal is to bring the unsaved in Togo to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through evangelism, church planting and leadership training. Koffi is presently the pastor at Salem Baptist Church in Lome, where they reach out to their city by means of Thursday morning visitation and Saturday morning door to door evangelism. They also do children's club on Saturdays afternoon. There are services at the church on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

At their summer VBS they have had over 500 children with many decisions being made for salvation. They are also one of the blessed recipients of the Samarian Purse Christmas Shoe Box Ministry and use these special gifts as a major outreach ministry to children in their area.

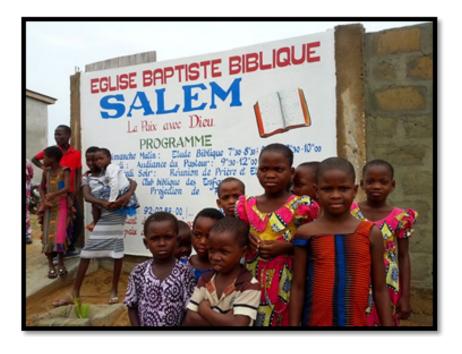
They are starting a second work in Kove, where they have bought property and have started construction on their building. A well had to be drilled to supply the building with water and four bathrooms were constructed. They are reaching out to several other areas to present the Gospel and to seek God's will in establishing new preaching and teaching points. There are both animistic and Catholic influences which make the work difficult at times. Woffi will also be working with the young men who will take these works over once they are well established.

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## **ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES**

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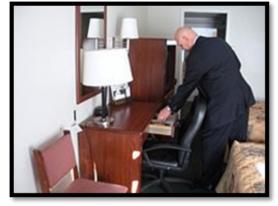


### GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments.

While they are often recognized for their work with hotels, they also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations, so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need

them.



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## GREENSBORO PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center is a Christian, multi-denominational organization, their services are for anyone regardless of age, race, religion, or sexual orientation. All services are free of charge to clients and funded by individual donors and organizations in our community.

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They care for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals by embodying Christian principles and values. They support individuals before, during, and after an unplanned pregnancy by providing medical services, education, resources, and mentoring so informed choices can be made.





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## SALEM PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

According to the love and grace of Jesus Christ, Salem Pregnancy seeks to affirm life and offer practical support in the areas of unplanned pregnancy, parenting and sexual purity.

Salem Pregnancy is a safe refuge for hurting women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. They **listen** to their clients' fears, questions, and situations with compassion and offer real solutions. They provide factual information so that informed decision can be made. All their services are free and confidential.



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### WINSTON-SALEM RESCUE MISSION

The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission is a Christian, non-denominational service ministry, meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of hurting people in the Triad area so that they might proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

Alpha Acres run by the Rescue Mission and located in Yadkinsville. It has been called "A Place of New Beginnings," and it has been just that for many men whose lives have reached rock bottom. It is a structured, twelve-month program consisting of intense Bible study, academic instruction, hard work, and recreation. These various facets of the program work together to create a more well-rounded individual who is better capable of re-entering society as a successful citizen, son, brother, husband, and father.



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