

The
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David's Letter



Dear Pastor,

Thank you for your involvement in missions. We appreciate your taking the time to look through our packet and learn more about God's call on our lives. We are so thankful that God is allowing our family to serve Him in this capacity. People in Kenya are dying every day without ever hearing the true Gospel message. It is our responsibility to reach them before it is eternally too late. We would be honored if you would give us the opportunity to lay up fruit to your account, by partnering with us through prayer and support.



David's Testimony

I grew up in a small farming community just outside of Ottawa, Kansas. My parents attended church faithfully and I had the opportunity of hearing the gospel at a very young age. When I was four years old, I realized my need for salvation, I went down stairs in our old farm house and told my father I wanted to ask Jesus to come into my heart. He took his Bible and explained to me God's gift of salvation. That day I became a child of God. When I was nine years old, a missionary came by our church and shared his burden and calling for the people of Kenya. God used that experience to convict my heart about his will for my life. A few months later I surrendered my heart to serve Him as a missionary to Kenya. After I graduated from high school, I attended Heritage Baptist College. During my senior year, I met my wife and we were married eleven months later. For the last year we have been serving on staff at Heritage Baptist Church in Lawrence, Kansas. Since we have been on staff, I have had the opportunity to run a weekly nursing home ministry, be involved in a bus route, serve as a group leader in our adult Sunday school class and teach in our Christian school. I am so grateful and humbled that the Lord has chosen my family and I to serve Him in this capacity. We look forward to seeing what the Lord will do though us in reaching the people of Kenya in the future.

Katy Jo's Testimony

I was raised in a Christian home in Yukon, OK. I was exposed to the gospel from the time I was born; however, I did not receive Christ as my Savior until I was fourteen years old. In the summer of 2008, I attended a youth conference where Pastor Rick Dawson gave his salvation testimony. I realized that I was lost and on my way to Hell, and at the end of the service I went forward and accepted Christ as my personal Savior. When I was a junior in High school I surrendered to God's will for my life. Little did I know then that I would one day serve Him as a missionary in Africa. In 2015, the Lord allowed me to attend Heritage Baptist College. It was there I met my Husband and God confirmed in my heart the call to missions. My husband and I have served on staff at Heritage Baptist Church in Lawrence, Kansas for the last year. During this time, I have taught third and fourth grade in the Christian school, held a monthly Bible study at the Topeka Juvenile Corrections facility and taught in our teen girls Sunday school class. God has used the people and experiences at Heritage Baptist Church to prepare our hearts and minds for His work on the mission field.

Ministry Goals:

- Language studies
- Evangelizing the Lost
- Discipling new converts
- Planting Churches
- Training nationals



God has called our family to reach the people of Kenya for the cause of Christ. Our main focus is to see souls saved through evangelistic outreach programs and disciple them through our local church plant. In order to effectively minister to the people of Kenya, we must first learn the language. Once we get to the field we will attend language school. We will be able to learn the language and culture while working with other missionaries in the area. Upon completion of language school, we will move to Kisii and work with Missionary Luke Shelby.



About Kenya



-National Language: Swahili

-Official Language: English

-Population of Kenya: Kenya has an estimated population of 39 million with approximately 6 million people living in the urban areas. Kenya has a diverse population comprised of 42 tribes.

-Size of Kenya: approximately the size of Texas

-Capital City: Nairobi

-About 50% of the population is under 15 years old.

-Population living below the poverty line is 50%.



Recommendations

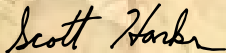
Dear Pastor,

I would like to recommend David Smith to you as a missionary to Kenya, and ask that you prayerfully consider supporting him through prayer and finances. I have had the opportunity to be his pastor all of his life. He graduated from our college, married, served as a faithful laymen and then on staff for the last year and a half. I have had the opportunity to watch him mature in the Lord and become involved in many different ministries within the church.

David has been directly involved with ministries such as preaching at local retirement homes, serving as a bus captain, teaching in the Christian school, and working in the camp ministry. He and his wife have both been active in our Sunday school department, and prison and detention center ministries. David has helped extensively with bus and vehicle maintenance at our church, and has also helped with many building projects.

Please consider including David Smith in your missionary family as he and his wife go to Kenya as missionaries. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact me.

In Christ,



Dr. Scott Hanks, pastor
Heritage Baptist Church

Recommendations

Dear Pastor,

I would like to recommend to you the ministry of David and Katy Smith to Kenya, East Africa. David and Katy are fine young people who have a desire to serve the Lord, and do a work in the country of Kenya. Katy has worked in our church for several years before going to Bible College and meeting David, and has become a hardworking and faithful mother, desiring to serve the Lord and fulfil her husband's call to go to the mission field. David is a hard worker, a young man of character, and a young man of faith. I know and believe that they will do a good and faithful work for the Lord. David and Katy are young people with high standards, and are faithful soul-winners. I recommend them whole heartedly to you, and trust that you will consider supporting them in your missions program.

Sincerely,



Sven Larson,
Moore Baptist Temple

Ministry Experience

During the last two years God has allowed our Family to serve on staff at Heritage Baptist church. We have been privileged to serve in various ministries such as: bus route, nursing home, Christian school, and Sunday school. In August of this year my family and I were able to spend two months in Africa. We to visited the missionary's work where we will be serving during our first year, also the language school where we will learn Swahili, and the city where we believe God would have us start a church. I believe God allowed my wife and I to serve in this capacity, to prepare our Hearts and minds for the the ministry he has for us in Kenya.



Statement of Faith

- I believe that the Holy Scriptures are the inspired, inerrant, preserved words of God and man's highest authority on earth. (by Holy Scriptures is meant the Masoretic Hebrew texts of the Old testament, the Received Greek texts of the New Testament, and accurate translations of the same, such as the King James Bible in English.)
- I believe in one God eternally existing in three separate yet united entities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- I believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin. He is truly God and truly man.
- I believe that Jesus Christ died in our place, was buried, and three days later rose bodily from the grave. He has ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father.
- I believe that the Holy Ghost is God and that He dwells in every believer.
- I believe that Satan is our enemy. He is a created being and is to be resisted but not feared.
- I believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith and not of works.
- I believe that everyone who has been born into the family of God is eternally secure.
- I believe that baptism pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.



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