

Daniel:

- DOB: 5/17/1996
- Date of Salvation: April 2007
- Anniversary Date: July 28th
- Education: Commonwealth Baptist College Graduate- May 2019
- Degree: Bachelor of Science in Bible and Missions
- Ministry Experience: 5 years in the Nepali Ministry, 3 years as 3rd-5th grade Boys Sunday School teacher

Raquel:

- DOB: 12/07/1996
- Date of Salvation: October 2012
- Anniversary Date: July 28th
- Education: Commonwealth Baptist College Graduate- May 2018
- Degree: Bachelor of Science in Christian Elementary Education
- Ministry Experience: 4 years in the Nepali Ministry, 1 ½ years as 1st Grade Girls Sunday School teacher, 1 Year Church Plant Ministry

How we met:

We had both been serving in the Nepali Ministry for 2 years at this point in Bible college. Heading into our junior year of college we became interested in each other. We also found out that we had both surrendered our lives to do work in missions. We received council and prayed before we ever considered starting a relationship. We began courtship in September 2016 and the rest is history.

Call to Ghana:

I, Daniel, had been attending Frederick Baptist since 2006 as a bus kid. I was always surrounded by family that put Christ's name above everything, so Christianity has always been a part of my life. I knew very little about the Bible and had almost no standards, but the fear of God kept me from the things the world views as desirable and fun. I began learn Bible standards and how to live the Christian life when I started attending FBC. I got involved in church as much as my parents would allow. After my senior year of high school (2014), I had made a promise to my youth pastor at the time that I would go to Bible camp before I went off to college... so I did, and that decision would change my life forever. During camp I felt something I now know to be called conviction and I could feel the Holy Spirit trying to speak to me, but I fought it over and over again. I had aspirations to go to secular college and become an engineer, so I didn't want to give that up. But on the second to last day of camp, I could no longer fight the Lord and allowed Him to speak to my heart. It was there and then that I spoke to my youth pastor and told him what God had called me to do... to surrender my life to be a missionary to Ghana, where my family is from. Surrendered on July 3rd, 2014.

Fun Facts:

We are both bilingual, Daniel: English & Twi; Raquel: English & Spanish

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

1. The Bible:

We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God, and is the final authority in all matters of faith, doctrine, and practice. Not only was It inspired when God caused It to be written, but the inspiration of God's Word is still preserved within the 66 books from Genesis to Revelation. We believe that the King James Version is the preserved Word of God for the English-speaking people. (*III Tim. 3:15-17; Psalm 119:89; II Pet. 1:19-21; Jn. 6:63; Psalm 12:6-7*)

2. Creation:

We believe the Genesis account of creation, and that what one believes about his origin will determine his philosophy of life. We believe creation was a direct act of God, in six literal 24 hour solar days, instantaneous and miraculous. We believe man was created in the image of God and all reproduction was "after their kind." (*Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16-17; Job 26:7; Psalm 33:6,9; Jn. 1:3*)

3. The Trinity:

We believe God is a Person, eternally existing; one true God, but in the unity of the Godhead. There are three eternal and co-equal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. One Godhead made up of three Persons Who are the same in attributes, power, characteristics, and desires. (*Heb. 1:8; Acts 5:1-3; Matt. 28:19; I Cor. 8:6; Col. 2:9; Matt. 3:16-17; I Jn. 5:7*)

4. God The Son:

We believe Jesus Christ to be the one and only Saviour of mankind. We believe Jesus Christ to be eternally God and to possess all the attributes of Deity. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was virgin born, that He was God incarnate, and that the purposes of the incarnation were to reveal the Father, to redeem men, and to rule over God's kingdom. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, substitutionary sacrifice; and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God the Father. (*Matt. 1:20-21; Lk. 1:35-36; 2:10-11; Jn. 1:1-2, 14; 20:26-29; Acts 2:18-36; Rom. 3:24-25; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-19; Titus 1:3-4; 2:10, 13-14; 3:4-6; Heb. 1:1-9; I Pet. 1:3-5; Acts 1:9-10; I Jn. 2:1-2*)

5. God The Holy Spirit:

We believe the Holy Spirit of God is a person Who has personality and all the attributes of Deity. We believe the Holy Spirit has always been involved in the affairs of mankind. However, we believe He has a special ministry upon and through believers, which began at Pentecost, and will continue until the Rapture. This ministry includes empowering believers for service; convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Holy Spirit was also sent to regenerate, indwell, sanctify, seal, and fill all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit is sovereign in the bestowal of spiritual gifts to every believer. God uniquely uses evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip believers in the local assembly in order that they can do the work of the ministry and exercise their spiritual gifts. We do not believe that the filling of the Spirit necessitates chaotic manifestations that draw more attention to man than to God. We believe that many of the early sign gifts (i.e. speaking in an unknown tongue – unlearned dialect or foreign language, etc.) were necessary for the propagation of the Gospel by the early church and as proofs of authenticity to the unbelieving Jews, and no longer are necessary for the fruitful work of the local church today. (*Matt. 3:16; I Jn. 5:7; Acts 5:3-4; II Cor. 13:14; Jn. 1:32-34; 14:16-17; 20:19-22; Acts 1:8; 15:8; Rom. 12:3-8; I Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; 12:4-11, 28; II Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:20-22; 4:7-12; Heb. 2:3-4; Acts 2:4-11; I Cor. 1:22*)

6. Sin:

We believe the Scriptures teach that man was created in innocence, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression he fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse. (*Gen. 1:27; 1:31; Acts 17:26; Gen. 2:16-17; 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12, 19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:9-18; Eph. 2:3; Rom. 1:18, 20, 32; 2:1-16; Gal. 3:10, 22*)

7. Sacrifice:

The Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. We believe that the Scriptures teach that His sacrifice was sufficient for all, but efficient only for those who exercise personal faith in the sufficiency of that sacrifice for their salvation. We reject the teachings of a limited or particular atonement. He arose from the dead in the body in which He was crucified. He ascended into Heaven in the glorified body, where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father as Head of the Church, making intercession for the saints as our High Priest. (*Lk. 24; Acts 1:9-11; Rom. 5:8-10; Eph. 1:20-23; IPet. 3:18; Jn. 3:16, 18; Acts 17:30; Heb. 2:9; IIPet. 3:9; IJn. 2:2*)

8. Salvation:

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose precious blood was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process. (*Jn. 1:12; 3:3-7; Eph. 1:7; 2:8-10; IPet. 1:18-19*)

9. Eternal Security:

We believe each believer, at the time he puts his trust in Jesus Christ, is born into the family of God and does instantaneously become a son or daughter of the living God. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (*Jn. 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:28-29; Rom. 8:1, 38-39; ICor. 1:4-8; Eph. 1:13; IPet. 1:4-5*)

10. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ:

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is coming again in the air at any moment to "rapture" up those that have received Him as their Personal Saviour and to reward their service. The unbelievers left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ shall return visibly to the earth to set up His Kingdom of one thousand years of righteous rule. After this, the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while the believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord. We believe in Christ's imminent and bodily return; a literal seven year Tribulation upon the earth; a literal one thousand year rule of Christ upon the earth; a literal Great White Throne Judgment for the unsaved; a literal and eternal Lake of Fire where the unsaved will suffer everlasting conscious punishment and torment; a literal Heaven where the saved will spend eternity with Christ Jesus their Saviour. (*Matt. 24:29-42; Acts 1:6-11; ICor. 15:51-58; IThess. 4:13-18; ICor. 3:8-15; 5:9-11; Is. 2:1-4; 11:1-16; 65:17-25; Matt. 5:29-30; 10:28; 23:14-15; Rev. 19:11-22:21*)

11. Separation:

We believe that all the saved are called unto a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices. A person, once he has truly accepted Christ as Saviour, is a new creation in Christ and should live a holy, consecrated life. He should separate himself from the world and all its lust in obedience to the command of God. We believe that all the

saved should live in a manner that does not bring reproach upon their Saviour and Lord. (*Rom. 12:1-2; I Jn. 2:15-17; II Cor. 5:17; 6:14-18; I Pet. 2:9; II Tim. 2:19*)

12. The Local New Testament Church:

We believe that a Scriptural church is a visible assembly of baptized (immersed) believers, covenanted together under New Testament law for the purpose of carrying out the Great Commission, with an unbroken history from the personal ministry of Jesus Christ on earth to this present day; that this church is a self-governed independent body having Christ as the Head, the Holy Spirit for its Guide, and the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice. The only Scriptural offices of the church are the bishop (Pastor) and deacons. The two ordinances of the local church are Believer's Baptism and Lord's Supper. On all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, etc. the will of the local church is final. (*Mk. 16:15; Eph. 1:22-23; 3:21; I Tim. 3*)

13. The Personality of Satan:

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin, and the cause of the fall of man; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. (*Job 1:6-7; Is. 14:12-17; Matt. 4:2-11; 25:41; Rev. 20:10*)

14. Civil Government:

We believe God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: (1) the home, (2) the local church, (3) the government. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and are governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities. The home, the church, and the government are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God. (*Rom. 13:1-7; Eph. 5:22-24; I Tim. 2:1-3; Heb. 13:17; I Pet. 2:13-14*)

15. Missions:

We believe that God has given the local church a great commission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations so that there might be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, ethnic group, and language group who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. As ambassadors of Christ we must use all available means to go to the foreign nations and not wait for them to come to us. (*Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Lk. 24:46-48; Jn. 20:21; Acts 1:8; II Cor. 5:20*)

16. Giving:

We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe (10%) as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. (*Gen. 14:20; Prov. 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 9:6-7; Gal. 6:6; Eph. 4:28; I Tim. 5:17-18; I Jn. 3:17*)



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Dear Pastor,

I would like to highly recommend Daniel and Raquel Akuokoh to you as missionaries to Ghana.

Daniel and Raquel are an exceptional young couple who have been continually active and busy in the Lord's work for the past several years. Both have graduated from Bible College and have been responsible and proactive in receiving any information and training that will better assist them in their calling.

Daniel began attending our church on his own as a young teenager. He was saved and baptized in our ministry. Daniel was called and surrendered to the Mission Field during summer camp the year after his High School Graduation. As a result, he turned down a scholarship to Penn State University to prepare for his calling at Bible College. This was a big step of faith and demonstrated his sincerity to what he knew God was wanting him to do with his life.

It was while at Bible college that he and Raquel met, fell in love, and were married. They have been very focused since that time to do what it takes to get to the mission field in as timely a fashion as is responsibly possible. Your support and financial investment in them will go a long way in helping this take place.

As both of their Pastor, I can personally vouch for their character, work ethic, financial integrity, and genuine spirituality. There is no question in my mind as to God's calling upon their lives to serve the Lord as missionaries to the people of Ghana. It is both refreshing and encouraging to see young couples with a balance of strong Bible convictions, zeal for souls, strong family commitments, and a servant's spirit like Daniel and Raquel still being called and sent into the Lord's harvest! The Akuokoh's have faithfully demonstrated a heart for the ministry of reaching and discipling souls for Christ.

I am excited and delighted to recommend them to anyone who would be prayerfully interested in supporting them. They will not only do a wonderful job in Ghana, but they will be a bright and shining light for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If I can answer any questions about the Akuokoh's, please call me at 301-473-8900.

Sincerely,

January 7, 2021

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Daniel and Raquel Akuokoh

Daniel and Raquel Akuokoh are missionaries on deputation to the field of Ghana with Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI). Daniel and Raquel were approved by the BIMI Board of Trustees on December 7, 2020. They have taken the BIMI Year One Virtual Candidate School classes taught in December at the World Missions Center and will complete their Candidate School training in June 2021.

I fully recommend **Mr. and Mrs. Akuokoh** and feel that they would be great missionaries for your church family to partner with in ministry to the field of Ghana. If you choose to partner with their ministry as a supporting church, you may send your donations to BIMI, PO Box 9, Harrison, Tennessee 37341, and mark **Account #1630, Daniel Akuokoh**.

Please extend courtesies to them as they seek to book their deputation meetings. Pastor, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Dan DeLong, BIMI Candidate and Deputation Director, at (423) 994-0492 *OR* the Akuokoh's director, Eric Bohman, BIMI Africa Director, at (615) 631-0628.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danny J. DeLong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan J. DeLong
Candidate & Deputation Director

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