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Our Testimonies

Isaac's Testimony

I was born into a Christian home and grew up going to Independent Baptist Church (IBC) in Clinton, MD under the leadership of Pastor T. Michael Creed. It was at the age of seven that I realized my need for a Savior and called on Jesus Christ to save me. The Lord continued working on my heart, and at the age of thirteen during a missions emphasis Sunday, the Lord burdened my heart for missions. I surrendered my life to the Lord a few weeks later. I began praying about where God would have me serve him, and in Bible college, He directed me to Central America and then specifically to Guatemala. I met my lovely wife while attending Independent Baptist Bible College, and we were married in December of 2023. We prayed together about Guatemala, and He gave us peace in His will in June of 2025 during our survey trip.

Savannah's Testimony

I was born into a Christian family, and at the age of six, my family stepped out by faith to start High Point Independent Baptist Church in Elkridge, MD. I grew up working in the ministry, but it wasn't until the age of thirteen that I asked Jesus Christ to be my Savior. At the age of sixteen, I surrendered my life to full-time Christian service during teen camp. I began attending Independent Baptist Bible College in my senior year of high school, and it was there that the Lord worked on my heart in the area of missions. After my husband and I began courting, we started praying together about where God would have us go. He put Guatemala on our hearts and confirmed His direction following a missions trip to the Dominican Republic in 2024.

Experience

During Isaac's Spanish classes in high school, his Dad encouraged him to begin learning another language and culture since the Lord had burdened Isaac's heart for missions. He began attending the Hispanic ministry of his church at age fifteen. The Lord used the Hispanic ministry to open his heart and eyes to the Spanish-speaking people. Little by little, the Lord enabled Isaac to learn the language fluently after a few years in the Hispanic ministry. The Lord opened the doors for him to begin leading the music, participating in soulwinning, and having a greater part in activities. Isaac began working full-time on the staff of Independent Baptist Church when he began attending his church's Bible college. He was able to begin practicing much of what he learned. The Lord has allowed him the opportunity to learn a variety of skills during his time working at his church. Isaac has learned many practical skills such as the following: construction, electrical, plumbing, mechanics, networking, website management, and property management. Most importantly, Isaac was able to learn many spiritual aspects of ministry too. He has had the opportunity to work with music ministries, soulwinning, outreach, discipleship, teens, missions trips, preaching, Bible study, and conferences. Isaac has been assisting for over ten years in the Hispanic ministry alongside the Spanish pastor, David Febo.

Savannah began working in ministry from a young age. Along with her parents and brothers, she helped to start High Point Independent Baptist Church in Elkridge, MD. Together as a family, they worked to canvas and knock the many doors surrounding the church. She has experienced all the many blessings and struggles that a pastor and his family faces. Growing up, Savannah had the opportunity to be a part of several different ministries. She has worked in children's, teens, ladies, music and nursing home ministries. Savannah learned to play the piano and served as one of the church's pianists. Using her love for music, Savannah help to start a children's choir. The Lord opened the door in 2021 for Savannah to become an elementary school teacher. She has taught now for over four years and has a love for helping young children learn academically and spiritually. After marrying Isaac, Savannah began attending the Hispanic ministry of Independent Baptist Church. The Lord is helping her to learn more of the language and participate in the different ministries.

Our Call

Isaac and Savannah met at Independent Baptist Bible College as they completed their bachelor's degrees. They began courting in December of 2022 and praying together about serving as church-planting missionaries in Guatemala. After a year of courting, they were married on December 16, 2023.

Following their marriage, Isaac continued working on the pastoral staff of Independent Baptist Church, and Savannah continued teaching in the church's academy as the fourth-grade teacher. During a missions trip to the Dominican Republic in 2024, the Lord gave them peace concerning His will to serve them in Guatemala. Isaac and Savannah began preparing with their pastor a survey trip for June 2025. During their survey trip, the Lord opened their eyes to the need in Guatemala City. Upon completing their deputation, Isaac and Savannah plan to start a church in the southern part of Guatemala City.

Ministry Vision

We believe the Lord desires for churches to be established where people are saved, baptized, and discipled to grow in Christ. There are countless areas throughout Guatemala that still have no Gospel-preaching churches. We plan to start a church and train up the Guatemalan people to reach their people. Through personal and organized soulwinning, we desire to lead people to Christ's free gift of salvation. We desire to train up men to lead and assist in the starting of new church plants through discipleship and Bible training. We also desire to train up women to be godly wives and mothers who help their husbands and children to be nurtured in the Lord and His Word. Our hope and prayer is to prepare national pastors and laymen who can further the cause of Christ in Guatemala. We plan to work along with fellow, like-minded independent Baptist churches and missionaries in Guatemala. We believe that God will send more laborers into the harvest fields of Guatemala, and the Lord can use us to highlight the needs in Guatemala. We are so thankful that God would see fit to use us as His servants in Guatemala, Central America.

GUATEMALA



Country

Guatemala is a country rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. Known as the “Land of Eternal Spring,” it is located in the heart of Central America. Guatemala is bordered by Mexico, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador, with coastlines on both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. The country’s terrain is diverse, with high mountain ranges, fertile valleys, tropical lowlands, and more than 30 volcanoes—several of which remain active. Lake Atitlán, often called the most beautiful lake in the world, is surrounded by volcanic peaks and traditional villages.

Population, Demographics, and Language

Guatemala has a population of around 18 million people, making it the most populated country in Central America. Its capital, Guatemala City, is the largest urban area in the region. Spanish is the official language, but Guatemala is also home to over 20 Mayan languages and several other indigenous tongues. The Mayan people make up a large portion of the population and maintain many of their traditions alongside modern life.

Religion

The majority of Guatemalans identify as Christian. Roman Catholicism has been historically dominant, but the Charismatic movement has grown significantly over the last several decades. In many rural areas, however, Christianity (Catholicism and Pentecostalism) is often mixed with traditional Mayan practices. The Mormons also have a significant presence in the country. These conflicting religions and teachings have created much confusion.

Politics and Social Climate

Corruption, inequality, and the presence of organized crime have hindered the country’s stability. Violence, particularly gang activity, has been a serious concern, and many Guatemalans struggle with poverty despite the nation’s potential wealth.

History

Guatemala was once the heart of the ancient Mayan civilization, whose ruins can still be found at sites like Tikal. After Spanish conquest in the 1500s, Guatemala became part of colonial New Spain. The country declared independence from Spain in 1821, later joining and then separating from the Central American Federation. Throughout the 20th century, Guatemala experienced dictatorships, revolutions, and a 36-year civil war that ended in 1996. Since then, progress has been made, but the scars of conflict and ongoing instability remain part of the nation’s story.

Doctrinal Statement

The Bible

We believe God preserved his Word through the canonization (determined by God and discovered by man) of sixty-six books (Mark 12:26; Luke 3:4, 20:42; Acts 1:20, 7:42), from Genesis to Revelation, that does not only contain and convey the Word of God but IS the very Word of God (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12). As God inspired (God-breathed) His Word, God preserved (Psalm 33:11; Psalm 111:7,8; Psalm 119:89; 152, 160; Isaiah 59:21) His Word from generation to generation for the English-speaking people in the form of the King James Version of the Bible (hereafter, referred to as the Bible). The Bible is an eternal work of God (Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:32-33) and the only standard of truth and right here on earth (John 17:17).

God

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, and a divine person of the trinity. The knowledge of God is intuitive (perceived by the mind immediately, without the intervention of argument or testimony – Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:6) in all men. God has always existed, and God has no beginning and no end (I Corinthians 2:7; II Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2). We believe that God is life (John 5:26) and is the bearer of life. The essence (substance or being) of God is Spirit (John 4:24) and those that worship God must worship God in spirit, being born-again, and in truth.

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Central Theme of the Bible. Jesus is the sum, substance, center, and essence of my Christian faith. Our faith and dependence in Jesus Christ guarantees us an everlasting relationship (John 1:12), not a religion or system of beliefs. The Bible displays Christ as King (book of Matthew), a Servant (book of Mark), a Man (book of Luke) and God (book of John). Jesus means “Savior” and that Christ means “anointed.” Therefore, He is the anointed Savior of mankind, by which no other name under heaven is given, and whereby, men must be saved (Acts 4:12). We believe Jesus Christ is co-equal, co-eternal and co-essential with God and the Holy Spirit (Philippians 2:6) making Him a divine person of the trinity and pre-existed with God before time (John 1:1; John 8:58; John 17:5,24; Colossians 1:16,17; Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 9:6).

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person (Acts 5:3-4); co-equal, co-essential and co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature (II Corinthians 3:17). I believe that the Holy Spirit exhibits the same divine attributes as God the Father and God the Son such as life (Romans 8:2), eternity (Hebrews 9:14), omnipresence (everywhere present – Psalm 139:7), omnipotence (all powerful - Luke 1:35), omniscience (all knowing – I Corinthians 2:10,11), truth (John 16:13), and love (Romans 15:30).

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Salvation

We believe that Jesus Christ secured salvation for mankind when He died on the cross, was buried, and rose from the grave victoriously (Romans 1:16, I Corinthians 15:56-57). Jesus Christ is the ONLY way (John 14:6) to obtain salvation. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, one can enjoy forgiveness of past sin (Ephesians 1:17; Colossians 1:14), presently enjoy fellowship with God (I John 1:3), and in the future will enjoy eternity with Jesus and God (John 10:27-30; John 14:3). Outside of trusting in the finished work of Jesus on the cross (John 17:4), there is no way or action by which man can earn salvation, for salvation is by the grace (unmerited favor) of God through faith (given to man - Ephesians 2:8-9). Salvation is not attained by works, it is totally of grace.

Eternal Security of the Believer

We believe that salvation is eternal (Titus 1:2) based upon God's omniscience (all-knowing - Ephesians 1:4), omnipotence (all-powerful - [able to keep] - II Timothy 1:12; [able to keep you] - Jude 24; [He will perform it] - Philippians 1:6; [kept by the power of God] - I Peter 1:5; [He is able] - Hebrews 7:25), and His love (II Peter 3:9; John 6:37, 39). Salvation is a new birth (John 3:5-6 - how can one be unborn), a gift (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23 - if you give it back, it wasn't a gift), eternal and everlasting (John 3:16 - God will give unto all who believe "eternal" life). Salvation is eternal because God promises that a believer is sealed (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30), will never perish (John 3:16), cannot be plucked out of His hand (John 10:28-29), and nothing can separate the believer from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39).

Church

We believe that Jesus Christ gave Himself for the church (Ephesians 5:25) and is the head of the church (Ephesians 5:23). The word church refers to a called-out assembly (the Greek word "ekklesia" is used all throughout scripture when the church is mentioned - Romans 8:30; John 15:19) of saved, baptized believers (Acts 2:41) to carry out the Lord's work (Matthew 28:19-20). The church should be local (specific area - Acts 8:1; Acts 13:1; I Corinthians 1:2; Acts 9:31; Acts 15:41; Galatians 1:2), visible (can be seen - II Corinthians 1:1, 15-16; I Thessalonians 3:10), organized (offices and members - I Corinthians 14:40; Colossians 2:5; Titus 1:5; I Timothy 3:15; Acts 19:32), constituted (qualifications - Acts 2:41 [saved and baptized, then church membership), and governed within (Matthew 18:17; I Corinthians 3-7, II Thessalonians 3:6, 14, Titus 3:10). Hereafter, the word church encompasses local, visible, organized, constituted, and disciplined.

Doctrinal Statement

Church (continued)

Jesus Christ is the Head of the church (Ephesians 1:22) and that the church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:23, Colossians 1:18, 24). Christ is the bridegroom for the bride, the church (II Corinthians 11:2; Romans 7:4; Revelation 19:7-9, Ephesians 5:23-33). The church consists of members and officers (Acts 2:41). Each church is autonomous (self-governing) and does not answer to other churches concerning its administration and government. Since Christ is the head of the church, there is no room for other organizations to be inserted between the church and Christ. A church carries out the commands of Jesus Christ and can only execute the laws of Christ. Churches are to “birth” or start new churches, work in mission works and assist other churches (Acts 15:2, 3, 4, 12, 22 – letters written to local churches at Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossi and Galatia). God has given the church two offices (pastor and deacon). Christ is the good and chief Shepherd; so, since Christ is in heaven, He has delegated the authority of overseeing local churches to a pastor (bishop). The pastor is God’s overseer of the church and is a gift to the church (Ephesians 4:11-16). The pastor should lead (I Timothy 5:17), be an example (I Peter 5:3), oversee (I Peter 5:2), feed (Acts 20:28), give himself to the ministry (Acts 6:4), admonish (I Thessalonians 5:12), teach (I Timothy 3:2), and preach the Word (Hebrews 13:7). In addition to the life a Christian should live, more specific qualifications regarding a pastor are contained in Acts, I Timothy, and Titus. I believe the church is to submit to its spiritual leadership (I Thessalonians 5:12), pray for him (Hebrews 13:7) and provide for his needs (I Corinthians 9:13,14; I Timothy 5:17). The office of a deacon has the role of being a minister to the brethren and a servant to the church (Acts 6). A deacon must meet the ten biblical qualifications found in I Timothy 3:18-23. God gave the church two ordinances to carry out until Jesus Christ raptures the church (baptism and the Lord’s supper). Baptism is a picture or illustration (and does not save one’s soul) of what Christ did on the cross (Romans 6:4); and is conducted by the church (Matthew 28:19-20), after a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior (Matthew 3:6, 8; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 9:6, 18; Acts 10:47; Acts 18:8). Baptism must be administered in accordance with the Biblical standards, and thus, one must be fully immersed in water (Acts 8:39; Matthew 3:6; Matthew 3:11; John 3:23). After salvation, and then baptism, one may enter the church membership (Acts 2:42). The second ordinance given to the church is the administration of the Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 11:20-34). The Lord’s Supper is a picture of the Lord’s death and is done in remembrance of Christ (I Corinthians 11:24-25). The elements of the Lord’s Supper do not become the literal body and blood of Jesus. The Lord’s Supper is to be done as often or as little in obedience to the command of the Lord (I Corinthians 11:26) and should be done until the Lord returns (I Corinthians 11:26). The Christian is to give to God through the institution of the church and the tithe (10% of time, talent, and tithe [increase]) is to be given to the church, for the Lord’s use (Ephesians 5:16; I Corinthians 4:2; Hebrews 7:4; Genesis 14:20; I Corinthians 16:3). We believe the purpose of the church is to reach the lost, see them baptized, and teach them to observe (keep) the scriptures (Matthew 28:18-20).



INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

REACHING GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 14, 2025

Dear Pastor:

As pastor of Independent Baptist Church (IBC) in Clinton, Maryland, I highly recommend Isaac and Savannah Bohac for your Missions' family. Isaac is from a godly, faithful family who has served at IBC since the 1990s so Isaac has grown up in our ministry going through our academy and our Bible college with highest honors. He has taught in our academy and also our Bible college. He had a desire to minister to Hispanics so began working with our Hispanic pastor in his teen years enriching his fluent Spanish. His skills in English grammar, composition, computer science, music, sports, organization and finances are exceptional. Isaac preaches and directs the choir in our Hispanic ministry. He met Savannah in our Bible college, who graduated with high honors, and they were married a little over a year ago. Savannah also taught in our academy. She comes from a pastor's home where she helped in many areas, including church pianist, at the church. This couple is well-equipped for the Mission field. They will give one-hundred percent in whatever they do for the Lord. It would be a great, eternal investment for your church.

They recently returned from their survey trip to Guatemala where God has called them. They will be attending the B.I.M.I. candidate school in December of this year but are looking to present their Missions calling at churches right now. I pray you will add Isaac and Savannah Bohac to your prayer list and will also consider adding them to your Missions family. **You can contact Isaac Bohac at 240-320-5650.** As their pastor, I can see God's hand of blessing on their lives. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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