



The CEPEC Family To Guyana

Robert's Testimony

I was born and raised on the Island of Trinidad as a missionary kid. After nine years on the field, we had to leave in order to get my brother proper treatment for cancer. He eventually passed away from the cancer, but God was good to us during that time. My parents made the decision to go back to the mission field, but this time God had laid Guyana on my dad's heart. We took a survey trip, and shortly after surrendering to go back, my father was also diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. His cancer also took his life. My mom, Sandra Cepec, is continuing and making plans to go back to the field. Through this, God was really working on my heart about salvation. I had made a profession at the age of seven, but did not really understand. God used this to get my attention. God convicted me heavily about my sins, and at the age of seventeen, I came to Christ. I surrendered to whatever God wanted me to do, and went to Bible college at Bethel Baptist College in Jacksonville, AR where I met my wife. She had already graduated at the time and was teaching. After two years of getting to know each other and courting, we were married in June 2020 soon after I had graduated with a Bachelors in Missions.

Abigail's Testimony

Abigail is a third generation missionary raised by Luke and Tonya Shelby, missionaries in Kenya, East Africa. Her grandparents Robert and Debbie Keeton are missionaries with the Rock of Ages. She was saved at the age of five and surrendered to missions at the age of nine. Her parents made sure that they included their children in the ministries on the field, whether it was in soul-winning, passing out invitations in the market places, helping in the children's VBS and other ministries, teaching Sunday School, helping in the music ministries, and much more. Her heart has always been tender towards missions and has been preparing for wherever God would have her serve one day. She majored in missions at Bethel Baptist College and continued education at Providence Baptist Bible College pursuing missions and Music. Throughout college and during her years as a teacher, she has been on several mission trips, but one particular trip Abigail made to the jungles of the Amazon River Basin touched her heart. It's neat looking back how that God planned that for a reason!

Robert's Call

My first year of Bible college, God called me to preach! It was an exciting event for me. I sought diligently what area of ministry God wanted me to be in. I had a love in my heart for missions, and missed the missionary life, but I wanted God to show me HIS will for my life. I told God that if he wanted me to be a missionary, I needed him to show me for certain. Rom. 10:14 "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Verses like these seemed to stare right into my heart, and God used them to burden my heart for what he was going to call me to do.



I had gone on the survey trip to Guyana with my parents, and fell so in love with the people; but I knew I couldn't let emotion determine a call. I prayed about many places and took other missions trips, but I could not get Guyana off my heart. One day while reading a passage in John chapter four, I came across verse four. "And he must needs go through Samaria." I thought to myself, why did Jesus need to go through Samaria? The answer is, there was one lady there that needed Christ and Jesus knew exactly where to find her. He did what others weren't willing to do and spoke to a lady that others weren't willing to speak to. God's love for her led to her salvation and the salvation of many others there. Christ stopped for one that some were not willing to stop for. I thought of Guyana. It is a small country full of crime and lost in darkness. Missionaries have come and gone. God showed me that Guyana was my Samaria, and that there was a people there that needed to be reached, still waiting at the well. God used this to confirm my calling and show me that Guyana is the place he wants me to go.



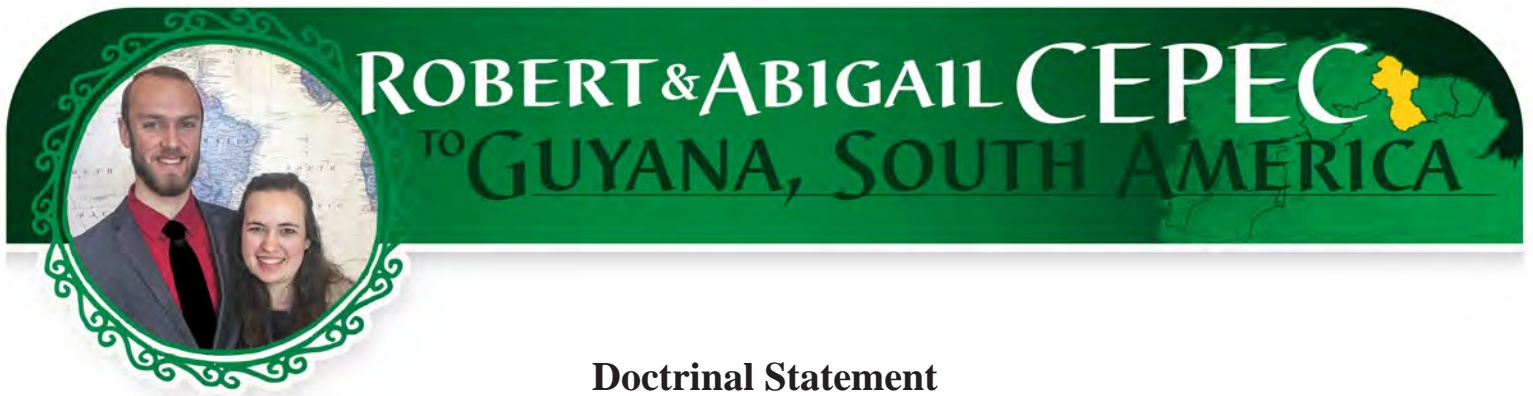
About Guyana

- National languages: English and Guyanese Creole in the jungles
- Population: 788,400 souls (January 2021)
- Main Religions: 25 % Hindu, 7% Muslim, 23% Pentecostal, 45% claim some other form of Christianity, only a few Baptist churches exist in the country
- One of the highest Suicide rates in the world (on average 227 people per year)
- Guyana is 80% jungle and many areas can only be reached by plane or boat
- Many missionaries have gone but have decided not to stay.

Ministry Experiences

We both have taught Sunday school classes of different ages from 4 year olds to 6th graders and Children's Church. I have been a bus captain going on three years now and my wife has worked on several bus routes over the years. I am in charge of the nursing home ministry and am currently over property maintenance for our Bible College. We also have been able to use our musical talents for the Lord in our home church.





Doctrinal Statement

- I believe the Bible is the verbally inspired word of God and that the King James Bible is the perfect word of God for English speaking people. Bibles translated into other languages need to be translated from original Hebrew and Greek.
- I believe the Trinity: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are 3 persons and personalities, yet are one God and are Co-equal.
- I believe Jesus is the Son of God, yet God himself.
- I believe that the salvation happens when the Holy Spirit draws and convicts you, you believe what Christ did on the cross and you place your faith in Jesus Christ as the one and only Savior and Sacrifice for your sins, and you call upon him to save you.
- I believe once saved always saved.
- I believe in a pre-mellinial, pre-tribulational rapture
- I believe marriage was made for one man and one woman 'til death do us part.
- I am non-Anderson
- non-Ruckmanite
- non-Calvinist
- non-charismatic and
- non-contemporary

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