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HELLO!

Introduction

We are Daniel and Mary Simonsen, missionaries to Kenya, East Africa. We whole-heartedly believe that God has called us to serve Him in the country of Kenya as full time church-planting missionaries.



We are a unique missionary duo, as we have both lived in Kenya for most of our lives. Daniel has grown up in Kenya as a missionary kid and holds dual citizenship in the USA and Kenya. Mary is a citizen of Kenya. We consider it a privilege to be able to serve in a country we love.

PRAYER CARD



HIS MISSIONARIES TO KENYA

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“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

2 Timothy 2:2

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Daniel's Birthday - 6/28/1998
Mary's Birthday - 8/21/2001
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SALVATION TESTIMONIES

Daniel S.

Having grown up in a Christian home, one may say that in a sense I had the perfect environment in which to get saved. I was adopted by my parents at just 8 months old and was taught the Bible from day 1 in my home. Looking back today, I praise the Lord for allowing me to grow up in that situation. As the years went by I eventually got to thinking that salvation was just praying a prayer. Well, one day (and I honestly do not remember how old I was, maybe 5 or so) I took one of the gospel tracts in the house and read through the prayer at the end and then concluded that I was saved. Unfortunately, that was not true salvation. A couple of years passed and the evidence of the fact that I wasn't saved really began to show through. I had always been the naughty boy in the family, and I had very terrible temper and tantrum problems as a result. I can't believe how many fits I used to throw, and the things I would do. I'm not saying that all Christian boys are perfect, but something was wrong, and I knew it.



As I continued to hear preaching, I came to realize one thing - Christians live differently than unbelievers. I really began to question whether I was saved or not. So, the Lord was really working, and the big day came. I was 6 or 7 years old, (unfortunately I cannot remember the date exactly) but I came to the end of myself and asked my Dad to show me how to be saved. He went through a few verses mostly from Romans and showed me how to be saved. And at that time I remember making the decision to repent and accept Christ as my Savior. Did I pray at the time? Yes. Did the prayer save me? Absolutely not. What saved me was my repentance of my sin (Luke 13:3,5) and belief on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31) in what he had done on the cross, not what I could do for myself. Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Salvation is a free gift from God. Anyone can accept it. It is there for the taking.

SALVATION TESTIMONIES

Mary S.

i was born and raised in a Christian home and I knew that I really wasn't saved. At church, one part of the invitation at the end of every sermon always struck me: "If you were to die right now, are you one hundred percent sure that all your sins: past, present and future, are forgiven? Will you spend your eternity in heaven or in the lake of fire?" This wasn't hard for an eight-year-old like me to understand. I downright knew that I was a sinner and if I was to die, I would not end up in heaven where my other four family members would be. I'd end up in the lake of fire and brimstone. I always felt too shy to raise my hand during the invitation time. But, one thing was certain: I knew that I wanted Christ to come into my life. I wanted to spend my eternity with Him. I loved my family so much and the thought of being separated from them was terrible. I wanted to be saved, just like they were! One week, My church, Bethel Baptist Church, was running the usual Vacation Bible School.



On the last day of VBS, with overwhelming conviction, I knew I could not go back home without being saved. I could not go back home the same. Therefore, I approached my elder sister and told her, "Joy, I want to get saved." She explained how my sin separated me from God, what salvation is, and what happens when one gets saved. Deep down in my heart I just wanted to talk to God and give my life to Him! I had wanted to do that for so long. She asked me if I wanted to ask God to come into my heart upon the realization that I was a sinner, headed to the lake of fire without the power to save myself. And on that day, I asked the Lord to save me.

DANIEL - CALL TO SERVICE

Call to be a missionary

In the beginning of 2016, I sensed the need to find God's will for my future. I took a few days to fast and pray and seek the Lord. The Lord used that time of seeking Him to burden my heart for full time missions in Kenya. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 was a key verse for me in the decision of surrender to be a missionary in Kenya.

Call into pastoral ministry

I preached my first message as a 17-year-old on May 1st, 2016, at Open Bible Baptist Church in Happy Valley, Kenya. The Lord used that sermon and many preaching opportunities sense to verify His calling upon my life to preach and teach the Word of God. God used my dad and several other mentors and missionary friends to confirm my gifting as a pastor/teacher.

MARY - CALL TO SERVICE

Call to ministry & missions

My call to ministry began when I was a young girl. I had grown up going to church every Saturday and Sunday. As a young girl who wanted to be a wife and a mother when she grows up, I often wondered who I would be married to. Being raised in church, I had the desire of being married to a deacon or a pastor. I realized that in a Baptist church, it would be easiest to identify who the pastor is - because he would be the one preaching. Therefore, from that time, I wanted to marry a pastor. Years later, I met my husband and he had the desire to be a missionary pastor. Isn't it neat how God can give us the desires of our hearts? Through the desires of my heart, and watching my parents faithfully serve God in various activities in the church, God stirred in my heart a passion to serve Him and spend my life being spent for Him. In my freshman year of Bible college, through preaching services, personal devotions, and the leadership in my life, God challenged me to fully submit to go where He wants me to go, to do what He wants me to do, and to be what He wants me to be. That for me was being a missionary wife, serving alongside my husband, ministering to souls for His glory.

OUR VISION

Expect from Us

Believing God has called us to be church-planting missionaries in Kenya, we present our vision for church-planting:

✓ EVANGELISM

We have a burden for seeing souls saved. We will plan to throw out the lifeline in a number of ways. Some of these ways include but are not limited to:

- Door-to-door soul-winning. This will involve knocking on the doors of people's homes or businesses, talking to people we meet on the streets, passing out tracts, and taking advantage of every divine appointment to share the life-changing news of the Gospel.
- We will carry out evangelism by cultivating a relationship with specific individuals or families and thereafter proceeding to do evangelistic Bible Studies with them.
- We will seek to have a session with every visitor who walks through the doors of our church and clearly share the Gospel with them.

- We will carry out activities in the church, that will engage the community and welcome people into our church compound with the central message being that of salvation.
- We will also train and equip the church members to know how to share the Gospel.
- We will organize soul-winning programs for the church.

✓ FOLLOW-UP

After any form of outreach has been done, we are firm believers that follow-up is crucial. This would involve house visits, phone calls, regular prayer for the involved people, invitations to do Bible studies etc.

✓ DISCIPLESHIP

It is our personal conviction that through the ministry of discipleship, church planting is most effective.

- It will be our plan to immediately disciple new believers so that they may be baptized and added to the church.
- We would also ensure that every member is being discipled in one way or another.
- We will also seek to personally minister to couples, families and individuals in the church through various Bible study methods so that each church family would be a strong unit.
- We will challenge every member to be a disciple-making disciple. Everyone should seek to disciple someone else. This will yield to multiplication in the church.

✓ PREACHING AND TEACHING

We will teach the whole counsel of God. To name some, this will be done through various way such as:

- Sunday services
- Prayer meetings
- Church fellowships
- Local church institute for further training
- Children's Sunday School and Junior Church
- Youth classes
- Missions months/conferences

✓ CHURCH REPRODUCTION

We would desire for the church plant to be a reproducing missions-minded church. We will teach them on church planting, missions, and faith-promise giving. We hope to instill in them the burden to be a reproducing church.

✓ CHURCH AUTONOMY

It would be our ultimate goal to equip the local church we have planted to be a self-propagating, self-governing and self-supporting church in every way. We would aim for the pastor to be a national pastor with the church being able to support him fully. Once the church is in a position to be fully independent, my family and I would move to a different area where there is no independent Baptist church and therein start the church planting process again.

OUR DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

What we stand for

The Bible

We believe that the Bible in its original writings is the inerrant (without errors), verbal (every word), and plenary (every part) inspired Word of God (Matt. 5:18; I Cor. 2:13, II Tim. 3:16). The Bible is found in the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments (Luke 24:44; John 16:12-13).

It was written as holy men of God were moved along by the Holy Spirit (II Peter 1:20-21) and it is the only source of God's plan of salvation and the only guide for the Christian life (II Timothy 3:15-17).

God

We believe that God is one in essence (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29), yet three in persons (Matt. 28:19). God is an infinite (Ps. 139), self-existent (John 5:26), and indivisible (John 10:30) eternal spirit (John 5:24). The three persons of the "Trinity" are co-equal and coeternal, each of whom possesses the totality of the divine essence simultaneously while existing as separate personal manifestations. The three persons of the Trinity were involved together in Creation (Genesis 1:1-2; Colossians 1:16). The Scriptures declare that these three persons are God (I John 5:7). The Father is declared to be God (James 3:9); the Son is declared to be God (John 1:1; Heb. 1:8-10); the Holy Spirit is declared to be God (Acts 5:3-4, 9).

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, being co-equal and coexistent with God (Phil. 2:6; John 10:30). The Deity of Christ is seen in His possessing the attributes of God (John 14:6; Heb. 13:8; Matt. 28:20), and in His exercise of the prerogatives of God. He received worship (Matt. 15:25), forgave sin (Mark 2:3-12), and is the object of faith (John 1:12). God the Son was with the Father before the foundation of the world (John 1:1, John 8:58). In the incarnation, Christ humbled Himself and subordinated Himself to the power of the Holy Spirit and to the will of the Father (Isa. 11:2; Matt. 4:1, 26:42; Phil. 2:5-8). In the incarnation, He was born of a Virgin (Matt. 1:23), and conceived of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:20). He was one person with two unmixed natures, the perfect human and the perfect divine: fully man and fully God. Christ lived a sinless life (II Cor. 5:21) and on the cross was the complete payment for the sins of the world (Rom. 5:8; John 1:29, 3:16). He was the sacrifice for our sins by the shedding of His blood (Heb. 9:13-14; Heb. 10:12). Christ was bodily resurrected (Matt. 28:6) and ascended bodily to the right hand of the Father to ever make intercession for His saints (Acts 1:9; Heb. 7:25). Christ shall return for His saints in the event known as the pre-tribulational rapture of believers. (I Thess. 4:16-17). At the end of the tribulation period which follows the rapture, Christ will return with His saints as the King of kings, and will rule with power and glory on the throne of David for one thousand years (Acts 1:10-11; Rev. 19:11; Rev. 20:3; Zech. 14:4-9).

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and is co-equal and coexistent with God the Father and God the Son. He is declared to be God (Acts 5:3-4; II Corinthians 3:17) and as God possesses the attributes of God, such as: eternality (Heb. 9:14), omnipresence (Psalm 139:7-10), and omniscience (I Corinthians 2:10, 11).

The Holy Spirit convicts the unsaved of sin and their need to receive Christ (John 16:7-14). He gives spiritual life in the new birth (John 3:5), seals the believer in guarantee of our inheritance (Ephesians 4:30), and He permanently indwells the believer with power for holy living and service (I Corinthians 6:19).

Man

We believe that God created man a perfect being, without sin, and in God's own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26-27). Man was created a moral, rational, spiritual being consisting of a body, soul, and spirit (I Thess. 5:23). Man's original nature was good (Gen. 1:26, 27, 31); however, he had a free will, and when he chose to disobey God, he fell from that goodness, and sin entered the world (Rom. 5:12). At that time, man not only began to die physically (Gen. 2:1), but also did die spiritually. Adam being the head of the human race, passed on this sinful nature to all humans (Gen. 5:1-3; Psalm 51:5). All men since Adam are born with a sinful nature and are not able to naturally please God (Rom. 3:10-12) and are in need of salvation through the new birth (John 3:3-7).

Sin

We believe that sin is lawlessness or disregard for the law of God (I John 3:4) and is the missing of the mark of the perfect holiness of God. Sin originated with Satan (Isa. 14:12-17) and came into the human race through the fall of Adam (Gen. 3:1-7; Rom. 5:12). As a result of Adam's sin, death passed upon all men. Because of the fall of man, man is evil and unable to please God through his own nature (Rom. 3:10-12; Rom. 5:12-19). He is born with a sinful nature which will naturally produce sin (Ps. 51:5).

Man has no means of recovery from this sinful state apart from the work of Christ on the cross as the Divine provision for this sin nature (Rom. 6:1-6; Eph. 2:8-9), and its sin (I John 2:2).

Salvation

We believe that salvation is a free gift through the grace of God (Eph. 2:8-9) and cannot be received on the basis of human merit or doing good works (Rom. 4:4; Rom. 6:23). Each man needs salvation because of his sinful condition (Rom. 3:23) and his only basis of salvation is the death of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross (Eph. 1:7; Acts 4:12). On the cross, Jesus paid the penalty for the sins of the world (I John 2:2) by the shedding of His blood (Heb. 8:12; Matt. 26:28) and becoming sin for us (II Cor. 5:21). Those who receive Christ by faith as their own Savior are justified on the ground of His shed blood (Rom. 5:9).

When a person by faith receives Jesus Christ as personal Savior, he becomes a child of God (John 1:12-13), he is instantly born again by the Spirit of God (John 3:5), he is converted and he becomes a new person in Christ (II Cor. 5:1; Acts 3:19). At the moment of salvation, he is justified, that is, judicially declared righteous by God - the righteousness of Christ being applied to him (Rom. 5:1-2; Rom. 4:5). He is likewise sanctified, being set apart for holy service (I Cor. 6:1-2, 6:11). The saved are eternally saved and are kept by the power of God (John 10:28) and have eternal life (I John 5:11-13).

Since Christ died for the sinful nature of all men and freed them from that guilt they had with Adam (Rom. 6:10; I Tim. 4:10), those infants who die before they are knowingly able to sin and reject Christ or before they are able to exercise true faith, will be saved and live eternally with Christ even as David's infant who died on the seventh day (II Sam. 12:15-20).

The Church

We believe that Jesus prophesied that He would build His church (Matt. 16:18). Christ empowered the disciples to serve when He was still on earth (Matthew 10) and He began His church during His earthly ministry as well (Matt 18:17). Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He instructed the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit before venturing out into ministry (Luke 24:49). The success of a church is based on the power of God. On the day of Pentecost those first believers were empowered to serve God when the Holy Spirit came to permanently indwell all believers (Acts 2). The local church is the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27; Ephesians 1:23, 5:23; Colossians 1:18). The local church (1 Cor. 12:27) is the institution which God has started and chosen to carry out His work in this age. It is composed of saved, immersed (baptized) believers (Acts 2:41), who join together to carry out the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20), and meet for edification, fellowship, prayer, worship, and instruction in the Word, and for observing the ordinances (Acts 2:42). This body is independent of outside control and is under the immediate authority of Christ (Rev. 2:1), the Word of God being its sole authority for both faith and practice (II Tim. 3:15-17). The local church has only two divinely appointed offices which are Pastor and Deacon (Phil. 1:1). The local church observes two divinely appointed ordinances: namely, baptism by immersion (Rom. 6:3-5; John 3:23; Acts 8:36-39), and the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-30).

The first day of the week, Sunday, is the Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10), a day set apart for worship of the Lord. This was the day of the week on which the Lord Jesus was resurrected (John 20:6), and thus the church meets on this day as the early Christians did (Acts 20:7), in remembrance of His resurrection.

The Two Ordinances of the Local Church

Baptism is not necessary for salvation (Eph. 2:8-9), yet it is the privilege and duty of every child of God to follow the Lord in baptism as an open confession of his identification with Christ as Savior and with His death, burial, and resurrection (Matt. 2:8-9; Acts 10:47-48; Rom. 6:3-5). We believe that baptism is a step of obedience to Christ, therefore unbaptized believers (disobedient believers) may not be members of the local church. The Lord's Supper is to be observed by born again believers in remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 11:20-32). This observance shows forth His death until He comes and should always be preceded by self-examination. The cup and bread are symbolical of the blood and body of Christ (Luke 22:19); the cup being described as the 'fruit of the vine,' (Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:18), pure, unfermented (non-alcoholic) grape juice.

Angels

Angels are created beings and are divided into two groups: good angels, who obey the will of God (Matt. 26:53; Ps. 103:20; Heb. 1:14), and bad angels, (fallen angels) who left their first estate (Jude 6), obey Satan (Matt. 25:41), and will be cast into the lake of fire. Satan was created a perfect, anointed cherub (a type of angel), but because of pride he fell (Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-25). Today he works as the adversary (enemy) of God, and His work (I Pet. 5:3).

Last Things

We believe that the next great prophetic event on God's time calendar is the pre-tribulational rapture of believers and the soon return of Christ for His own (I Thess. 4:13-18; I Thess. 5:9).

Following the rapture, believers will appear before the judgment seat of Christ, and the works of each believer will be judged with the works of the flesh being consumed and the works of the spirit being rewarded (II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 3:9-15). The unbelievers who are left after the rapture will face seven years of tribulation in which the wrath of God is poured out upon this earth. This period is the seventieth week of Daniel (Dan. 9:24-27). The tribulation will end with Christ returning to the earth when all unbelievers will be cast into Hades (hell) and unbelieving nations will be destroyed (Rev. 19:11-21). Christ will establish His promised millennial (1000 year long) kingdom with the earthly citizens being those believers who were living at His return. During the millennium, Satan will be bound and peace will prevail (Rev. 20:1-3). At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan will be released for a season, and many will rebel against Christ (Rev. 20:8-10). After being conquered by Christ, Satan will be cast into the lake of fire to spend eternity (Rev. 20:10). Following the defeat of Satan, the great white throne judgment will take place at which time all the unsaved will be brought from their temporary place of torment in Hades, and their bodies will be resurrected from their place of abode. After this judgment, all the unsaved will be cast into the lake of fire to spend eternity, but this judgment will determine the degree of that eternal torment (Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 11:20-24). Eternity will follow in which all believers will enjoy eternal blessedness in the presence of God, in the new heaven and earth (Revelation 21-22).

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Hear from others



Rhon Roberts

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Dear Brethren,

I, as pastor of Mukwonago Baptist Church, would like to commend to you as missionaries worthy of your prayers and support, Daniel and Mary Simonsen.

We have watched Daniel from near and afar grow up and serving the Lord with his life and living a godly life. God has given him a good wife and we are confident that they will continue with the work of the Lord in Kenya with vigor and faithfulness to the Word of God.



Steve Anderson

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It is our pleasure to recommend to you Daniel Simonsen and his wife, Mary. We first met Daniel when he was just a young man of five, living in the home of his parents, Dr. Rick, and Sue Simonsen, who have served with BWM since 1977. Daniel was adopted from an orphanage there in Nairobi, Kenya when he was, as I remember, but eight months. We have visited in their home often enough to watch Daniel and his brother, Aaron (who was also adopted from the same orphanage) develop outstanding missionary hearts...and they are each unusually equipped for ministry. The boys are fluent in Swahili and have witnessed exemplary missionary hearts and lives in the lives and ministries of their parents for now over twenty years! Daniel and Mary Christine will be especially targeting people of the Kikuyu tribe and will be focusing for the present on a church plant in the village of Gatukuyu, about a mile East of their home. The Kikuyu tribe is predominant in this region, having a twice-a-week vegetable and clothing market in the village—which is very well known in the greater Nairobi area. Daniel envisions that the church plant may attain independence in the next five to ten years. Daniel and Mary are worthy of your every consideration.



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My wife and I have been Independent Baptist missionaries in Kenya for 30 years serving under International Baptist Missions (Tri-City Baptist Church) in Chandler Arizona. We have known Daniel Simonsen since his adoption as

an infant by Dr. Rick and Sue Simonsen and have known Mary Christine for over six years. This couple have a consistent Christian testimony and have always been very active serving the Lord in their local Independent Baptist churches. We believe they have the potential for a very effective ministry church planting in Kenya. Thank you for praying and supporting them financially as missionaries in Kenya.

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