

BLAKE & BRIDGETTE YOUNG



CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO
COLOMBIA



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BLAKE'S TESTIMONY

I grew up in a broken home where my grandparents raised me. There was a lot of difficult times growing up, but I realize now, that God had a plan for me. When I turned fifteen, my youth director (David Garlic) preached from Romans 6:23. I remember him preaching about sin and its

penalty. I also remember about the free gift of salvation offered to us by Jesus Christ. I repented toward God and placed my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21). I was baptized shortly after at East Side Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC. Since then, God has called me into the ministry, he called me to preach His Word, and has called me to missions.



BRIDGETTE'S TESTIMONY

I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home. My parents faithfully took us to church and we were always involved with church activities. My sister and I attended a Christian school where an evangelist spoke in chapel on salvation through

John 3:16 and Romans 3:23. I became convicted and began to realize I needed salvation. After chapel, my mother went through the Romans road with me where I placed my faith and trust in Jesus Christ. When I was a teenager I surrendered my life to missions in a missions conference at Grace Baptist Church in Hinesville, Georgia.



OUR CALL TO MINISTRY

In 2011, I (Blake) went to Crown UK, an extension of Crown College in Powell, Tn. After I came back to the States, God placed a burden on me for foreign missions. I could not get over the fact that the entire world was in need of Jesus Christ as their Savior. During a Missions Conference in 2012, I surrendered to God's calling as a missionary.



LABORING IN COLOMBIA

WHY COLOMBIA?

I had an unexpected opportunity to go to Colombia in November of 2018 with three friends from Vision Baptist Church. While there, I learned that God was doing something great in South America. God placed such a heavy burden on me when Miguel Sanabria (Missionary in Medellin, Colombia) took my friends and I to a school where the children bowed down to

a statue of a woman who had died centuries before, praying to her in unison. Their teachers told the children that they had to be good, and listen to their

BRIDGETTE AND I BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO GO TO COLOMBIA FOR "SUCH A TIME AS THIS".

parents if they wanted to go to heaven when they died. That alone was enough to open my

eyes to the fact that Colombia is in a desperate need of Christ.

OUR BURDEN

After I witnessed what the people were being taught and what they were teaching their children, how could that not affect my heart?

I realized something more though. I realized that God is preparing Latin America for the Gospel to come in and save those who are lost! There are scores of people there who are seeking the real truth of God's Word. There are people who desperately want God to work in their lives. But there are so few of God's people who are taking

the Gospel to them, so they die without knowing that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father.

OUR FIRST TERM

Having been able to know, love, and serve under several different pastors, there were always concerns with young and new missionaries. I remember talking to some of my pastors about a concern they have about missionaries not making it to the field, or missionaries getting discouraged and leaving the field. Those are genuine concerns, and ones that I have taken closely to heart.

During our first two years on the field, we plan on working with a veteran missionary who has lived there, and knows the culture. We will be in language school, we will learn the Colombian culture, and will work in Miguel's and Mariangela's ministry in Medellin, Colombia.



MIGUEL & MARIANGELA SANABRIA

We are very excited about that opportunity! We hope to work hard and be a great blessing to them while we are there.

The benefits that we will have working in their ministry are:

- A constant friend and mentor
- Encouragement with culture shock and difficulties
- ministry, language, and culture experience

Bridgette and I want you to know that we know God has called us into the ministry, that we will seek Christ, and work hard to see souls saved, trained, and baptized, and churches planted across Colombia, South America. We have every intention of staying on the field for the rest of our lives, and will hold ourselves accountable to God and others.

COLOMBIAN STATISTICS

- There are more church within 5 hours of Alpharetta, Ga than there are Bible-believing churches in all of Colombia.
- 95% of Colombians are Catholic, while the remaining 5% make up several religious groups including Islam, Buddhist, Sikhs, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormon, Church of God, Pentecostal, etc.
- Christians (like us) make up .02% of Colombia.
- There are over 51 million people in Colombia.
- Colombia is made up of 32 states.
- Bogata, the capital, has a population of 7.5 million people. Medellin, the second largest city, has 3.5 million people.



OUR VISION

SEEK TO WIN THE LOST FOR CHRIST
TRAIN MEN TO DO THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY
PLANT CHURCHES IN COLOMBIA

CROWN COLLEGE:
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PASTORAL STUDIES
MASTER'S DEGREE IN MINISTRY

From 2009-2016, I attended The Crown College of the Bible in Powell, Tn. During that time I received a lot of ministry experience with several different ministries. God also allowed me to travel abroad to Crown UK for one year, to North Bay, Ontario, Canada, and to Nepal during my college training. I also attended Crown SW and Norris Seminary in 2013-2014 for one year.

**CHURCH & PASTORAL
STAFF EXPERIENCE:**

God gave me exciting opportunities to serve on pastoral staff during my College years. I was able to serve on staff at Hickory Creek Baptist Church in Tx, and Providence Baptist Church in Fl. I admire my Pastors, and I appreciate the time they spend to teach me what it means to love God, love people, and serve them.

While at those churches I was able to learn several different ministry aspects, including: preaching, Sunday school, youth director, choir leader, congregational



OUR TRAINING

song leading, assistant pastor, organizing and planning special ministries, soul winning; I treasured mostly learning and spending time with the men of God who put their time into me.

VISION BAPTIST CHURCH:

I arrived at Vision in 2018 and I have loved every minute here. When I came here, I was seeking God's direction in my life, and God gave me what I was seeking for (Luke 11 :9-10). I received training for foreign missions by

attending every class, read several books, and personally learned from Austin Gardner (Pastor), Jeff Bush (Mission Director), and many of the missionaries who were trained here. I value my time with Vision and its staff, and its people. I learned: what it means to be a missionary, the importance of training nationals to be pastors and church staff, what an indigenous church is supposed to be, and so much more.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Dear Pastor,

Blake and Bridgette Young are two of the finest people that I know. They are faithful members of Vision Baptist Church. They love the Lord Jesus. I watched as God laid Colombia on their hearts. I believe in this young couple.

Blake is a man of character. He is hard working, diligent, faithful, and hungry to be used of God.

Blake and Bridgette are stepping out on faith and beginning deputation to go to the field of Colombia. Colombia is a very needy country. Little is being done to get the Gospel to this country.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider having Blake in your church and then supporting this very needy ministry to the country of Colombia.

Colombia is in desperate need of the gospel and more Gospel preaching churches. It is a needy field. It is time for more of God's people to arrive and make a difference there.

I know that Blake and Bridgette will be a blessing to you and your church when he presents the work. God is already using their family, and you will reap a great harvest and many spiritual rewards for supporting a family like the Youngs.

Thank you for whatever help you can give Blake as he and Bridgette head out do all in their power to plant churches and train leaders in Colombia.

I'm honored to know and work with the Youngs. If you have any further questions about them, their character, their dedication, their preparation, or service, please feel free to give me a call.

Yours to evangelize the world in our generation,

Pastor Austin Gardner

Vision Baptist Church - Alpharetta, GA

(RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)



It is a privilege to be able to recommend my friend and missionary to Colombia, Blake Young. Blake and Bridgette have a very evident love for God and God's work. While in his training at Vision Baptist Missions, he went above and

Dear Pastor, It is a great honor for me to recommend to you Blake and Bridgette Young. I am excited about the future God has in store for this young family. Both Blake and Bridgette are excited about the work to which God has called them. As their pastor, I have personally seen a willingness to yield to God's leading in their life. As members of Bethel Baptist Church each of these young people were ready and able to serve in any capacity. I have seen their heart for ministry. I believe God has called this beautiful family to the country of Colombia and I believe they will do a great work for the Lord!

Dear Pastors and Fellow Servants of the Lord, It is my delight to recommend Blake and Bridgette Young. I've known Blake since he was a student in high school. I was his principal and pastor during those years. I watched Blake as a young person carry a burden for others. He carried a lot of responsibility in his youth and handled it well.

I believe Blake is a man of great

beyond everything that was asked of him. He not only has a zeal to serve God, but he has a knowledge of how to work and get the job done. I am confident that your investment in their ministry will be greatly multiplied.

*Here to serve,
Director Jeff Bush
Vision Baptist Missions - Alpharetta, GA*

I would ask you to consider partnering with Blake and Bridgette as they seek to raise the necessary funds to reach Colombia. I believe that each dollar invested in this work will deliver great returns. Bethel Baptist Church has committed to support them financially in every way possible. Every pastor, with a heart for God, desires to do all that is necessary to see the Gospel go to every corner of the globe. Blake and Bridgette are doing their part to reach Colombia for Christ. Will you engage and consider enabling them to fulfill the burden God has put in their heart? I pray you will! Thank you for your consideration.

*Your Fellow Laborer,
Pastor Brian Cooper
Bethel Baptist Church - Richmond Hill, GA*

character. He is a genuine and very transparent person. I am sure that Blake and Bridgette will see much fruit that remains. It is a joy to support this fine couple financially and prayerfully.

I have no hesitation in recommending them to you. It will be a wise investment that brings eternal rewards to your account. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

*Sincerely,
Pastor David Thomasson
Troy Baptist Temple - Troy, OH*

DOCTRINE

THE BIBLE

We believe that the BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD, and that it is divinely inspired. We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration, that it is the only complete and final revelation of the will of GOD to man, and the supreme, infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We use the King James Version for all teaching and preaching in English. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1 :20,21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32

GOD

We believe in the Trinity, the unity of the Godhead. There are three persons: The FATHER, The SON, and The HOLY SPIRIT. They are equally perfect in every divine quality, and execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (A) We believe in GOD the FATHER (B) We believe in JESUS CHRIST (C) We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT. Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6

THE FATHER

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Luke 10:21,22; Matthew 23:9; John 3: 16; 6:27; Romans 1 :7; I Timothy 1: 1,2; 2:5,6; I Peter 1 :3; Revelation 1 :6

JESUS CHRIST

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is God. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection,

ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 3 1; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1 :4; Acts 1: 11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9, 1 0; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3: 16



THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. John 14: 16, 17 ,26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26



MAN

We believe that all men by nature, choice and practice are sinners, but that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We believe, therefore, that those who repent of their sins and by faith receive Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence, and those who refuse to receive Christ as Lord and Savior will be forever separated from God. John 3:14, 16; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8: 12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; II Thessalonians 1 :9; Rev. 19:3,20; 20:10;14,15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9; John 3:16; John 1:13; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1 4:5,6

ETERNAL STATE

We believe in a literal Heaven, the eternal home of the redeemed. We believe Heaven to be the literal place where the saved will live forever in the eternal bliss and blessings of God. We believe in Hell, the Christ-less eternity for the lost, where there will be burning and tormenting for those without salvation, who have refused to receive the gospel and Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe that Hell, unbelievers, Satan and all the fallen angels shall be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever and forever. Matthew 13:41-43 Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

SALVATION

We believe salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1: 12; Titus 2: 11-14; Hebrews 2: 1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11: 1-12:8, 14; James 2: 14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

BAPTISM

We believe in baptism by immersion after salvation with no merit for salvation in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit). We reject infant baptism and any form of sprinkling for infants or adults. Baptism is an outward expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and simply a public testimony of what God has done by His grace. Romans 6: 1-5; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 2;41; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19-20.24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

THE CHURCH

We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of professing, born-again believers in Jesus Christ, immersed on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that to those local churches we are committed, for per petual observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper,that

that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1 :8; Acts 2:42; Romans 6:3-5; I Corinthians 11 :23-26; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4: 14; Hebrews 10:23-25.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE

We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions with each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other. Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Acts 5:29; I Timothy 2:5; Romans 13:1-7; 14:7-9,12

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We believe that spiritual gifts are given to the church for the express purpose of winning the lost and edifying other believers. The Holy Spirit is given to each believer upon acceptance of Christ and His purpose is to exalt and bring people to Christ. Speaking in tongues was the least important of these gifts and was given as a sign for unbelieving Jews. That is why Vision Baptist Church does not teach or practice speaking in tongues. John 7:37-39; 14: 17; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 1:22; 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 12-14

ETERNAL SECURITY

We believe in the eternal security of all blood-bought individuals or believers and that such inheritance is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that each believer is kept by the power of God and nothing can separate us from Him, ourselves included. We believe that believers can lose the joy of fellowship



with God, can grieve God and can quench the Spirit of God in him or her, but not lose his/her salvation. John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37-39; 10:27-30; Romans 8: 35-39; Philippians 1 :6; Titus 1 :2; 1 Peter 1 :5; 1 John 5: 11-13; Jude 24

WORLD EVANGELISM

We believe that the apostolic office ceased with the death of the Apostles. We believe that it is His church that He promised continual existence, to continue the work He started until He comes again. We believe that the ministry of reconciliation is committed to every believer and all are saints/priests of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. Matthew 16: 18; 28: 18-20; Mark 16: 15; John 20:21; Acts 1 :8; 2 Corinthians 5: 18-21; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1 :6; 5:10