

Matt's Testimony

I was born and raised in a pastor's home and heard the gospel at a young age. When I was 12 years old, God used the message of a song that my siblings were practicing for church to work in my heart and bring conviction. I then trusted the Lord as my Savior and was later baptized. God used my growing up years in a pastor's home, the contact with missionaries in our home, and reading missionary biographies to draw my heart to missions.

In 2006 and 2007 I attended Pensacola Christian College with a desire to serve the Lord in missions. Due to financial reasons and the Lord's directing I stayed home for two years and ultimately transferred to Ambassador Baptist College to finish my Bible training. I attended Ambassador Baptist College from 2010 to 2012 and had the privilege to be a part of a church plant the last year-and-a-half of college. It was through this church plant that God brought my wife and I together, and also gave both of us a love for church planting.

After graduating from college I returned to Maryland to help my dad and our local church. Shortly before My wife and I were married, I also began working at a landscape company and continued there for the next five years. God used this to develop in our hearts a greater love for Spanish-speaking people and a desire to serve the Lord in Spanish Ministry. In 2016 God began working in our hearts to pray that He would send more laborers into the Harvest. It was through these prayers as a family and family devotions that God began working on our hearts about serving Him in Colombia. I left my career as an account manager and we returned to North Carolina to seek God's will about Colombia. I am currently working at Ambassador Baptist College. Through our move, God brought us back to Crossroads Baptist Church where He had worked in our hearts as college students. Crossroads is now our sending Church.

In October of 2018 we were appointed to Baptist World Mission. We are so privileged to be able to be on deputation and look forward to being able to go to Colombia as soon as God opens the doors through financial and prayer support. We look forward to being able to work alongside another missionary couple as we get adjusted to the field. Our goal is, within a year of arrival, to start another church plant about 25 minutes from this couple so that we'll be able to work together as a team of church planters; and then train Colombians to reach Colombia with the gospel.