

# Testimony and Call to Missions

## *Matt's Testimony*

I was born into a military family in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where I was raised for most of my life. At the age of four I remember my Dad taking a Chick tract entitled "This Was Your Life" and showing me the plan of salvation through that tract. That night I realized that I was a sinner and accepted Christ as my Savior. At the age of eight, during a missions conference at our local church in Stafford, Virginia, God called me to serve Him fulltime on the mission field. That night I surrendered my life to go wherever and do whatever the Lord would have me to do.

From an early age I had always been interested in flying, and as the Lord continued to lead me into missions, I believed that the Lord wanted me to serve Him in the area of missions aviation. Therefore, at the age of fourteen I began taking flying lessons and at the age of seventeen I received my private pilot's license. While I realize that my aviation training could be a great asset in Siberia, I do not feel that aviation is to be my main goal on the mission field. It is only a tool that the Lord can perhaps use to help further the Gospel.

In the fall of 2004, I entered Ambassador Baptist College to further my training for the mission field, but it was not until my sophomore year that the Lord began to work in my heart to take the Gospel where it had never before been preached. Through various events, the Lord opened the door for me to spend nine weeks in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, working with missionaries Kevin and Jessica Jones.

During my stay, the Lord led me north of Krasnoyarsk to the village of Tura, which is the capital of the autonomous district of the Evenki people. Though I was only with the Evenki for a short time, the Lord placed an immeasurable burden on my heart to return to those people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the call that God has placed on my life and it is up to me to be obedient to that call. If I don't, who will?

The Lord led Katie and me together at the beginning of my sophomore year and after the end of my junior year, on June 23, 2007, we were joined in marriage. It is our desire to take the Gospel the Evenki people of Arctic Siberia, where there currently is no Gospel witness.

## *Katie's Testimony*

I was born and raised in a Christian home in Stratton, Maine, and have been active in the local church ever since I can remember. When I was about seven years old, after family devotions one morning, my mom showed me from the Bible that I was a sinner on my way to Hell and in need of the Lord to save me. Being so young, I do not remember too much about all of the specifics of that day, but I do remember calling out to the Lord and being saved. During my early teen years I struggled with the assurance of my salvation. I thought that maybe I was too young to really understand salvation or maybe I didn't "pray the right words." After talking with my mom and dad one night, I received assurance of my salvation. Since then I have claimed 1 John 1:9 as well as Romans 10:13, realizing that "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" and that "...He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Looking back on it now, I see that it is not the words of the prayer that are essential for salvation but faith in what Jesus Christ did for me on the cross. I am so thankful that the Lord has made the plan for salvation simple enough so that even a child can understand and believe in Jesus Christ.

In August 2002, the Lord led me to attend Ambassador Baptist College, where I majored in the Church Secretarial program. While at Ambassador, the Lord really worked in my heart and life in several ways. Even though I was raised in a Christian home and saved at an early age, I was still not completely surrendered to whatever the Lord would have me to do. I had my own plan and agenda for my life, but the Lord clearly showed me through His Word and the preaching at Ambassador that He had a perfect plan for my life, but I needed to surrender all to Him and seek to follow His leading. It is my desire now to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He leads my husband and me.

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## *We believe...*

- In the verbal, plenary inspiration of Scripture (*1 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:19-21*) and that the Bible is the eternal, inerrant, infallible Word of God which has been and will be preserved for all eternity (*Is. 59:21; Matt. 5:18; Mk. 13:31*).
- In the preservation of God's Word in the Hebrew *Masoretic Text* (OT) and the Greek *Textus Receptus* (NT) and that the King James Version is the preserved Word of God for English speaking people.
- In one triune God who eternally exists in the persons of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (*Gen 1:1-2; Is. 61:1; Jn. 1:1-3; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Jn.5:7*).
- That Jesus Christ, while fully God, became fully man (*Matt. 8:23-27; Matt. 14:33; Jn.10:26-38*), was born of a virgin (*Is. 7:14; Mt. 1:23*), lived a sinless life (*Heb. 4:14-15, 7:26*), died a substitutionary death on the cross (*2 Cor. 5:21*), rose again bodily (*Lk. 24:39*) and ascended bodily into heaven where He intercedes for all believers (*Acts 1:9-11; Heb. 7:25*).
- That the Holy Spirit indwells all who accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior. He was sent to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and judgment and to guide and teach the things of God to the believer. (*Jn. 16:7-14; 1 Cor. 3:16; Jn 14:26*).
- That undue emphasis on the worship and person of the Holy Spirit such as the Pentecostal and Charismatic movement teaches is unbiblical. The Holy Spirit always glorifies the Father and NEVER gives any extra-biblical revelation (*Jn. 14:13-14*).
- That God created the heavens and the earth in six literal twenty-four hour days (*Gen. 1-2*).
- That Adam's disobedience brought sin and death upon all mankind (*Rom. 5:12,19*).
- That salvation is a free gift offered to all and that the Gospel must be received by faith alone in Jesus Christ (*Jn. 3:16; Rom. 10:9,10,13; Eph. 2:8-10; Rev. 22:17*).
- In the eternal security of the believer (*Jn. 10:26-30; 1 Jn. 5:9-13*).
- That the Scriptures teach both the sovereignty of God and the free will of man, and that the teachings of both Calvinism and Arminianism are unbalanced and unbiblical positions.
- That the local church is God's ordained authority for the preservation of truth today (*1 Tim. 3:15*) and the fulfillment of the Great Commission (*Acts 1:8*); and that the two ordinances to be observed by the church are baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper (*Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 11:20*); and that its only offices are pastor and deacons which must be held only by men (*1 Tim. 3:1-13; Tit. 1:5-9*).
- That Jesus Christ's future return is in two phases:
  - The imminent, pre-tribulational and premillennial rapture of all believers (*1 Thes. 4:13-18*)
  - The revelation of Christ seven years later in which He will set up His literal kingdom on this earth and will rule and reign for 1000 years (*Rev. 19:11-21*).
- That all believers will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ (*Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10*) and all unbelievers will be judged at the Great White Throne (*Rev. 20:11-15*).
- That there is a literal Heaven and a literal Hell, which are the only 2 eternal abodes prepared by God for souls. All those who accept Jesus Christ by faith as their personal Savior will spend eternity in Heaven with God and all those who reject Christ as their personal savior will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire, eternally separated from God. (*Rev. 4:1-2; Rev. 21:1; Luke 16:19-31*).
- That there are certain current theological trends such as Neo-Orthodoxy, New Evangelicalism, the Home-Church and the Church Growth movements, and association with the National and World Council of Churches which are Biblically wrong. We stand against all such movements and trends and separated from those (*1 Tim. 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 3:1-5*).

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