

BIOGRAPHIES (Testimonies and Ministry Experience)

David was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. Growing up in a Baptist church and Christian home, he heard the Gospel and trusted in Christ as his Savior in 1987. Realizing his call to full-time ministry, he attended Pensacola Christian College to pursue a B.A. in Pastoral Ministries and minor in Missions. He then attended seminary to earn an M.A. in Bible. While in college, he met Stephanie, and they were married on August 7, 2004. He has been involved in leading a VBS, teaching Sunday school, going on visitation, ministering three summers in Moldova, leading congregational singing, and preaching in nursing homes

Stephanie grew up in Heritage Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. As a child, she trusted in Christ as her Savior and later surrendered to missions at age eleven. After graduating from a Christian high school, she attended a Christian college where she received a B.A. in English Education and Teaching Art as a minor. She has ministered through singing in the choir, teaching children's Sunday School, participating in special music, and teaching art during her two trips to Moldova. David and Stephanie now have two children, Abby and Caleb.

DOCTRINE

We believe in Scripture's inerrancy, infallibility, and verbal, plenary inspiration. We believe that God has kept His Word pure and has providentially preserved it throughout time to be the sole authority for faith and practice of all mankind. (We believe that for English speaking people, the King James Version IS the Word of God and best reflects the original languages of God's preserved Word.)

We believe in one holy, almighty, all-knowing, sovereign God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe that God created all that exists in six literal days and continues to be actively involved in His creation.

We believe that man was created perfect and without sin. We believe that Adam, tempted by the fallen angel, Satan, chose to disobey God and brought sin and death into the human race.

We believe in the deity, virgin birth, sinless life, death, burial, bodily resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.

We believe that the only means of salvation and reconciliation with God comes through personal faith in Christ's atoning work on the cross and His resurrection. We believe that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

We believe that those who die lost shall suffer eternal punishment in hell, but the saved shall spend eternity in heaven.

We believe that the local church is God's chosen tool for spreading the Gospel and instructing believers until Christ comes to rapture His church.

We believe in separating from current trends, groups, and philosophies which undermine the authority and authenticity of the Bible and its teachings. This includes Neo-orthodoxy, Neo-evangelicalism, modern tongues movement, and the Ecumenical movement.

MOLDOVA COUNTRY INFO

COUNTRY:

- Republic of Moldova
- Former Soviet Union country, established in 1991
- Located between Romania and the Ukraine
- About the size of Maryland

PEOPLE:

- Over 4 million people
- Languages - Romanian (official) and Russian

RELIGION:

- Over 95% Eastern Orthodox

ECONOMY:

- Poorest European country
- 40% of Moldovans are farmers
- 25% of workforce are employed in other countries



MINISTRY

During David's freshman year of college, he began to see God directing his steps towards foreign missions. At the end of that school year, he spent three months in Moldova working in Dr. Eric Chapman's evangelistic camp ministry. Two years later, he returned for another three months, gaining a greater burden for the people of Moldova. That same fall, Stephanie visited Moldova for six-weeks, to catch the burden of which David had spoken so much. In the summer of 2006, after being married almost two years, they both went back for 9 weeks as a family to solidify our calling to Moldova.

Less than 1% of the population is considered "Baptist," most of them attending Baptist Union churches. Currently, there are only four independent Baptist missionary families established in Moldova, all within an hour of the capitol. The most densely populated areas are around the capitol and in the northern part of Moldova, but there is a great need for the northern part of Moldova to be reached with the Gospel. This is the area in which they desire to plant churches.

Their first year in Moldova, they will focus on learning the Romanian language and adjusting to the new culture. During that time, they will learn from veteran missionaries how to effectively reach Moldovans with the Gospel and seek the Lord's direction as to which city in the northern region they will begin our work. While David focuses on church planting, Stephanie plans to minister through music and Bible lessons. She also plans to give drawing lessons as a means of sharing the Gospel. Their primary goal is to evangelize the lost and plant indigenous, independent Baptist churches that will be able to carry out the Great Commission.

GOALS

Short Term Goals:

- Gain prayer and financial support team through the ministry of deputation
- Give the Gospel to others while on deputation
- Go to Moldova as missionaries by the end of 2009
- Learn Romanian during the first year in Moldova

Long Term Goals:

- Evangelize through literature, evangelistic meetings, and personal soul-winning.
 - Plant independent, Baptist churches in the northern region of Moldova.
 - See church plants grow, become indigenous, support national missionaries, and plant churches
 - See nationals sent into the Russian-speaking 10/40 window to evangelize and plant churches
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