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Nashville Tennessee

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THE CHURCH AT WEST FRANKLIN

About the Family

Tracey and I met while in Bible college and were married in 1996. We have three boys of whom we are extremely proud: Josiah, Benjamin and Elijah.

God called us to serve as a church planter with the North American Mission Board in April of 2017. Prior to that, I served as senior pastor at an established church for nine years, as the interim pastor for a year and as the student pastor for seven years prior to that.

I graduated from International Baptist College with bachelor's degree in Bible and pastoral studies and completed my Master of Divinity degree at Phoenix Seminary in 2016.

Tracey and I have a deep and abiding passion for reaching the lost, planting churches and readying the next generation for ministry.

About My Ministry

I currently serve as an SBC-endorsed chaplain and evangelism catalyst in the Greater Nashville Area. After serving as a pastor and church planter in the West for the past 25 years, Tracey and I moved to Tennessee. Our desire is help see gospel movements that lead to church plants among the immigrant and refugee communities of east and south Nashville.

We work in an area of more than 90 different people groups. More than 40 of those people groups are classified as "unreached people groups," according to missions experts. We want to help established and new churches engage the nations here in our city.

Find out how you can

Pray.
Participate.
Provide.

PRAY.
Pray we would establish new contacts as we get to know the neighborhoods and communities around Nashville. Pray we would meet persons of peace with whom we can enter into gospel conversations. Pray I can invest in and mentor several younger men from the refugee community who feel called to ministry. Pray for the establishment of Bible studies and for the continued growth of healthy Bible studies already underway. Pray local churches will come alongside our efforts and partner with us. Pray our leadership team will grow spiritually.

PARTICIPATE
Commit to long-term prayer support. Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a chaplain. Be involved in supporting chaplains and their families. Send notes of encouragement. Talk with a chaplain about his or her ministry context. Send resources that support a chaplain's ministry context. Pray for chaplains and their families.

PROVIDE
Many missionaries build a team to join their ministry in prayer, participation, and provision. These friends, family and churches support missionaries beyond the tithes and offerings given within the church plant. Visit sendnetwork.com/PlanterFunding for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

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