



Ricky Vest

OPERATION CHURCH

About the Family

I was born in Virginia and raised in Georgia. I am an outdoorsman, and when I am not serving soldiers and the church you can find me fly fishing in one of Vermont's pristine trout streams—if you can find me.

My wife and I met in college at North Greenville University and served in outdoor camp ministry at Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters before God called us to seminary at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. We have four amazing kids, and we love finding ways to enjoy the beautiful state we live in together.

About My Church Plant

We moved to Vermont to help plant Mission City Church in Rutland, Vt., in 2015. Since then the Lord has given us a greater burden to reach the military community living and serving here. I have recently completed the Army's Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course and am serving as a Chaplain with the Vermont Army National Guard.

Vermont is the least religious state in the nation, and by definition its population, including soldiers, are unreached by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Because of this, we are now hard at work (as a newly endorsed NAMB lead church planter) to plant a new work in order to reach the soldiers who live within our state. God is on the move and stirring hearts, and it's our desire to join Him in this work.

Find out how you can

Pray.

Participate.

Provide.

PRAY.

Pray for boldness to share the gospel and open hearts among the people I serve.

Pray for people to come to saving faith in Jesus.

Pray for more to become missionaries and chaplains.

PARTICIPATE

Commit to long-term prayer support. Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a partnering church. 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

Become personally invested in the ministry of chaplains. Learn about their ministry context, so you can provide relevant help and resources.