

Our Testimonies

Jimmie (J.D.) Young

I was saved in July of 1993 during a week-long camp in Oklahoma with a church in Aurora, Texas. It was then that I clearly understood the price Christ had paid for my sins and I saw my need for His salvation. Three months later I was baptized and joined North Side Baptist Church in Weatherford, Texas.

Several years later I began attending Victory Baptist Church in Weatherford, Texas. It was under the preaching of Pastor Charles Wetherbee in 2010 that I surrendered to the ministry after I was already married, had graduated college, was working in my professional career, and my wife and I were about to have our second child.

From there I began Bible College and graduated from the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary in 2016. After Bible College, I served at my local church for a year and then I served a year on staff at Lighthouse Baptist Church under Pastor David Grice. After my second trip to Honduras, I felt God's call to serve as a missionary to the people of Honduras.

After several fruitful years in Honduras (2020-2023), the Lord began to burden our hearts for Spain. Through much prayer and counsel, we became convinced that God was redirecting our ministry to reach the Spanish people. In April 2023, our family arrived in Spain, and in November 2023, we launched a new mission work in Barrio San Gines, Cartagena.

Vanessa Young

My Dad was raised Baptist and my mother, being a 2nd generation Mexican-American, was raised Catholic. My grandparents took me to a Baptist church when I was a child. After moving, my parents started attending a Pentecostal church. I knew something was not right with the messages that I was hearing. As a teen, I stopped going to church.

I met J.D. while in college and we were soon married. After our first son was born we moved to Weatherford and started attending Victory Baptist Church. I felt so much conviction because I knew I was not saved. I knew that if I had died, I would go to Hell and that nothing I could do would save me except for accepting Jesus Christ and His life, death, burial, and resurrection. Soon I followed up with Believer's Baptism on 10/10/10.

The next year we had our son Elijah followed by our two daughters Millie and Laia. I have been working in the church nursery and helping where needed in kid's church or Sunday School. For the past few years, I have been taking as many classes as I can at Norris Bible Baptist Seminary.

In 2012, I had the opportunity to go to Honduras with J.D. where I had the privilege to speak to the women in the mission work. I primarily worked with women and children during our time in Honduras. I served along side my husband, while we were helping established missionaries in Honduras.

When God called our family to Spain, I embraced this new direction for our ministry. My background as a Spanish speaker has been invaluable in our transition, though Castilian Spanish has its unique challenges. I now focus on building relationships with women in Cartagena while supporting our family's adjustment to Spanish culture and continuing to homeschool our children.