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WHY HONDURAS?

The Lord is doing a great work in Honduras. From the many years of faithful pioneer missionaries in the late 1900s, Central America is just now beginning to reap an abundant harvest that has been unparalleled in Central American history. We believe that a great revival is sweeping the individual hearts of believers on a large scale, and this revival is capable of starting great missionary endeavors to reach people around the world.

ABOUT HONDURAS



- Honduras is the size of Tennessee, but has millions more people than Tennessee.
- **Honduras has the highest murder rate of teenagers in the entire world**
- With a population of 9,200,000, Catholicism is the main religion
- More than 50% of the country lives below poverty level

Joseph's Bio

Having grown up in Honduras as a missionary's kid, I am thrilled about returning to work under my parents, Sam and Julie Hodges, in full-time ministry. My parents have been in Honduras for over 20 years, and have started New Life Baptist Church, New Life Baptist Seminary, and New Life Bilingual School. When I was 8, I began working on our church bus route and preached for the first time.

At age 12, I surrendered to full-time ministry, with a desire to become a preacher and missionary. I had the opportunity to become a Sunday School teacher at age 12, and I remained as one up until coming to Pensacola Christian College.

Joseph's Testimony

I grew up in a wonderful Christian home. My godly parents shepherded my young heart towards God and His Word with a very balanced approach. Though I made a profession of faith at age 5, it was not until age 10 that I obtained full assurance of my salvation.

At age 10, I clearly understood that there was no other way to get to heaven but by Jesus alone. Because I was more aware of my sin, I wanted to make sure that I was forgiven by putting my faith in Jesus alone.

I know that I am saved today, not because of anything I have done, but because Jesus is the payment for my sin. His blood is enough for my salvation, and I rest by faith in Him alone. I know that as part of God's family now, there is no way I can lose my salvation, because I am sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption.

After being born again, I followed in believer's baptism at our local church.

At age 12, I surrendered my life to be a full-time preacher of the gospel.



Abigail's Bio

Having moved from Chico, California as a toddler, my earliest childhood memories were spent growing up in North Georgia with my wonderful parents, Ty and Rebecca Pepperdine, and older sister, Emma. As my parents grew in their walks with the Lord, they were faithful to bring Emma and I right alongside of them in different ministry opportunities. As a teenager, I began to purposefully serve in our church's children, music, nursing home, and outreach ministries.

On a short-term mission's trip to China at age 16, the Lord opened my eyes to the need of getting the gospel around the world, and I surrendered my life to full-time foreign missions. I am thankful for my church and family who encouraged me to daily prepare and pursue this decision.

Abigail's Testimony

I was born into a Christian home and grew up hearing references of Heaven and the name of Jesus daily. One day, when I was four years old, my six-year-old sister and I got into an argument while our family was out running errands about who gets to go to Heaven.

I knew that my mom and dad were going to Heaven and assumed that that is where I would go too since I didn't want to go somewhere without them. My sister, who wasn't saved yet either, knew that only people who believed in Jesus as their Savior got to go to Heaven and made sure to let me know that I was wrong.



My parents heard us arguing and, when we got home, sat us both down to make sure we understood the truth. They showed us verses from the Bible such as Romans 3:23 which says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." This scared me because I knew that I was a sinner and deserved to go to Hell...not Heaven.

But they also showed us verses such as Romans 5:8 which says, "But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." My parents made sure that we understood that nothing besides believing in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and what He did in dying on the cross for our sins and rising again can save you—not even Christian parents! That night, God showed me *my need* to call out to Jesus as my own

Savior, to meet *my need* for falling short of His glory. I then followed in believer's baptism.

Since then, God has shown me the importance to keep learning more about Him each day by spending time in His Word and praying for daily strength to walk with Him. It truly is an amazing relationship that He has allowed us to have with Him by simply calling on Jesus alone for salvation (Romans 10:13).

Through His Word, my church, and different situations God has put me in, He has also opened my eyes to the need to give my life back to Him so that He can work through me to reach other people. I am so blessed to be able to serve such a great God! "My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever." (Psalm 145:21)

Education

Joseph- B.A. in Pastoral Ministries and B.S in Business Management (*Pensacola Christian College*)

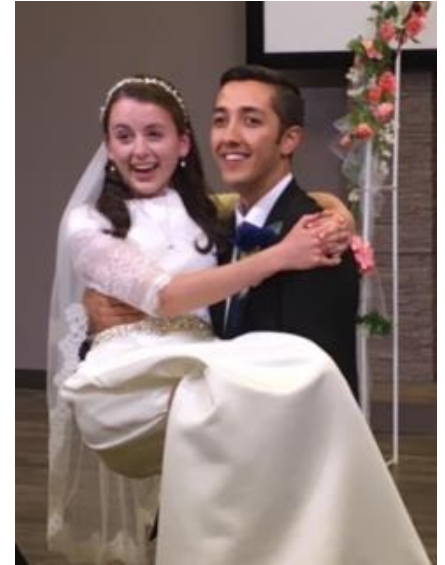
Abigail- B.A. in Early Childhood Development (*Pensacola Christian College*)

Just Married!

While at Bible College, I met Abigail, who is the most wonderful woman I have ever met. Abigail is a faithful woman of God, who loves Him and was already herself passionately headed into missions when we met.

The Lord brought us together through amazing circumstances, and we married on May 9, 2020. I am not the same without her, and she complements me with so many strengths. I glean from her wisdom, and she truly is my best friend.

Besides my salvation, Abigail is the biggest, most undeserved blessing I have ever been graced with. She has already helped me become a better person, and we look forward to serving the Lord together in Honduras as a close-knit team.



Raised support in one year!

God gave us full support in less than one year of traveling on deputation. We visited 114 churches in that period, and **moved to Honduras with 95% of our support on July 6, 2021.**



What is our Ministry?

We are working under the ministry of my parents, Sam & Julie Hodges. We are part of:

- **New Life Baptist Church**, a thriving, missions-minded, local church, that is training the next generation of Hondurans to take the gospel around the world
- **New Life Baptist Seminary**, a four-year, college-level training program for young men and women dedicated to full-time ministry, with students from Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras
- **New Life Bilingual School**, a vibrant ministry consisting of almost 200 Honduran children educated from a Christian perspective in both English and Spanish



Seminario Bautista Nueva Vida, our college for training church-planters, missionaries, and pastors.

To date, we have sent out:

- Several Pastors, Assistants, and full-time workers to other churches in **Honduras**.
- One missionary couple to **Argentina**
- One missionary couple to **Haiti**

Our current ministries:

- *Training church-planters and missionaries via our local-church Bible College*
- *Assisting a church-plant full-time*
- *Pastoring youth*
- *Teaching Seminary Classes*
- *One-on-one discipleship*
- *Counseling*
- *Bus Route Captains*
- *Sunday School Teaching*
- *Christian School Teaching / Chapel*
- *Planning / Organizing Bible Conferences*
- *Leading Youth Camp*
- *Church Music*
- *Door-to-door evangelism*



Recommendation

Dear Pastor,

I am writing on behalf of missionaries Joseph and Abigail Hodges and the ministry that God has called them to in Honduras.

Joseph grew up in Honduras and helped his father and mother build New Life Baptist Church which they will go back and assist. New Life Baptist Church in Sabanagrande is now a strong work that is producing church planters both in Honduras and other countries.

Joseph and Abigail will be a vital part of this process by direct involvement in the discipleship of new converts as well as teaching future pastors, missionaries, and their wives in the Bible Institute.

These trained national pastors will be much more effective at planting churches across Central America than any American missionary could be.

Joseph and Abigail are of the highest character and can be completely trusted with support money. They are both doctrinally sound, and were both reared in solid Independent Fundamental Baptist churches. I am confident that this young couple will be openly accountable to all of their supporting churches.

I believe it would be a good investment in the Kingdom of God to support the Hodges.

Sincerely,

Pastor Ledford Hodges
New Testament Baptist Church
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Recommendation

Dear Pastor,

Joseph was born and grew up here in Honduras. While still just a teen, he was teaching Sunday School, working on the bus route, soul winning, and preaching on the Tuesday night preaching rotation.

Upon graduating from Pensacola Christian College, he married Abbi his wife, who we are very pleased with. They are now raising support to come back to Honduras to work in the church, school, and bible college ministries.

We are a conservative fundamental Baptist ministry that seeks to train men and women to serve Christ. Our hope is that Joseph and Abbi can soon be a vital part of that mission.

Please consider helping in any way you can to help them reach Honduras for Christ.

Sincerely,

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Recommendation

Dear Pastor,

It is my pleasure to recommend Joseph Hodges to you as a candidate for missionary support. Joseph has been attending and serving in Campus Church while a student at Pensacola Christian College. During his junior year, Joseph applied for and was selected from among his peers to be a Campus Church summer intern.

As an intern, Joseph gained exposure and was involved in nearly every aspect of church ministry. He was weekly preparing for and teaching in one of our adult Bible study classes, preaching in various evangelistic settings, serving in camp ministry, and gaining practical experience in the daily work of the ministry. It was during this internship that I got to know Joseph and found him to be a man of integrity, humility, and dependability.

I look forward to seeing what God is going to do through Joseph, and his wife-to-be, Abigail Pepperdine, as they serve alongside his parents, Sam and Julie Hodges, in Honduras. Would you prayerfully consider supporting them financially by adding them to your missionary family?

Sincerely,



Jeff Redlin, D.D.
Pastor



Recommendation

One of the things that we preachers struggle with is finding young missionaries that are not just experienced, hard workers but that are respectful and careful among the people.

We took on Joseph Hodges and his wife Abigail for just this reason. Not only do they have a plan and not only have they known the mission field (Joseph having been raised on the field) they are also respectful and careful people who have studied the Word of God and know how to behave themselves in the house of God.

I wholeheartedly recommend the Hodges to you with the knowledge that they will be what God desires, not just in your midst but in their future.

Pastor Barry Secrest
First Baptist Church of Seaford, DE



Articles of Faith:

The Bible

We believe that the BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD, and that it is divinely inspired. We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration, that it is the only complete and final revelation of the will of GOD to man, and the supreme, infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. **We only use the King James Bible for all English use.** *II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32*

God

We believe in the Trinity, the unity of the Godhead. There are three persons: The FATHER, The SON, and The HOLY SPIRIT. They are equally perfect in every divine quality and execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (A) We believe in GOD the FATHER (B) We believe in JESUS CHRIST (C) We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT. *Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6*

The Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. *Luke 10:21,22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; I Timothy 1:1,2; 2:5,6; I Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6*

Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is God. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. *Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9,10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3:16*

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. *John 14:16,17,26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26*

Man

We believe that all men by nature, choice and practice are sinners, but that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We believe, therefore, that those who repent of their sins and by faith receive Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence, and those who refuse to receive Christ as Lord and Savior will be forever separated from God. *John 3:14,16; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; II Thessalonians 1:9; Rev. 19:3,20; 20:10,14,15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9; John 3:16; John 1:13; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1*

Eternal State

We believe in a literal Heaven, the eternal home of the redeemed. We believe Heaven to be the literal place where the saved will live forever in the eternal bliss and blessings of God. We believe in Hell, the Christ-less eternity for the lost, where there will be burning and tormenting for those without salvation, who have refused to receive the gospel and Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe that Hell, unbelievers, Satan and all the fallen angels shall be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever and forever. Matthew 13:41-43; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

Salvation

We believe salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

Baptism

We believe in baptism by immersion after salvation with no merit for salvation in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit). We reject infant baptism and any form of sprinkling for infants or adults. Baptism is an outward expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and simply a public testimony of what God has done by His grace. Romans 6:1-5; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 2:41; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19-20,24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

The Church

We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of professing, born-again believers in Jesus Christ, immersed on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that to those local churches we are committed, for perpetual observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 10:23-25.

The Relationship between Church and State

We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions with each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other. Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Acts 5:29; 1 Timothy 2:5; Romans 13:1-7; 14:7-9,12

Spiritual Gifts

We believe that spiritual gifts are given to the church for the express purpose of winning the lost and edifying other believers. The Holy Spirit is given to each believer upon acceptance of Christ and His purpose is to exalt and bring people to Christ. Speaking in tongues was the least important of these gifts and was given as a sign for unbelieving Jews. That is why I do not teach or practice speaking in tongues. John 7:37-39; 14:17; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 1:22; 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 12-14

Eternal Security

We believe in the eternal security of all blood-bought individuals or believers and that such inheritance is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that each believer is kept by the power of God and nothing can separate us from Him, ourselves included. We believe that believers can lose the joy of fellowship with God, can grieve God and can quench the Spirit of God in him or her, but not lose his/her salvation. John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37-39; 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 1:6; Titus 1:2; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 John 5:11-13; Jude 24

World Evangelism

We believe that the apostolic office ceased with the death of the Apostles. We believe that it is His church that He promised continual existence, to continue the work He started until He comes again. We believe that the ministry of reconciliation is committed to every believer and all are saints/priests of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. Matthew 16:18; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10

Second Coming

We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ to the clouds to take all saved people from the earth before the beginning of the Tribulation period. We believe in his bodily visible return with his saints at the close of the Tribulation period to rule and reign for a thousand years on earth. We believe that unbelievers will face God and be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment according to their works, not for salvation, but for their proper and rightful places in the lake of fire. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 4:1, Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20; Thessalonians 4:15; II Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 4:5; I Corinthians 15; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15

Biblical Separation

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God. II Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11; II Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Ecumenicalism

We believe that doctrinal purity is essential to gospel harmony and that the Bible commands us to not associate ourselves with someone who is preaching another gospel, or teaching contrary to sound doctrine. Romans 16:17-18; II Corinthians 6:14-18; 11:1-4; Galatians 1:8-9; Ephesians 4:14-15; 5:11; Philippians 3:1-2; Colossians 2:8; II Thessalonians 3:14; I Timothy 1:3; 6:3-5; II Timothy 3:5, 13; Titus 1:10-14; 3:9-11; II Peter 2:1-3; 3:17; 2 John 7-11; Jude 3; Revelation 2:2, 6, 14-16, 20-23