



INFORMATION PACKET

Hello, we are the Vance family....

We have been serving as church planting missionaries to Colombia, South America with Macedonia World Baptist Missions since 2011, and ministering among Latin Americans since 2004. God has done a mighty work! We believe that what we have seen thus far is only the beginning. This packet is to introduce you to our family and the ministry in Colombia.

In short, we are simply servants of a great King, and stewards of his Message — the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What a joy it is to serve HIM!

After reviewing this information, if the Lord leads, we would be honored for the opportunity to partner with you through prayer and financial support to fulfill the Great Commission. Would you prayerfully consider joining our team of rope-holders in order to spread the Gospel in Colombia and beyond?

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AARON'S TESTIMONY

I was raised in a Christian home. At a young age God showed me my need of Him. I repented of my sin and accepted him as my Savior.



I was around missions constantly. My parents became stateside missionaries when I was 8, and my grandparents were also missionaries to Mexico. At the age of 11 I surrendered my life to be a missionary. As a very young man I began to seek God's daily will through reading his Word, serving in my church, and eventually going on mission trips. In 2004 I was able to study missions in Peru, South America at the Baptist College for World Evangelism (*now called Our Generation Training Center*). What a blessing to study for the field, on the field with veteran missionaries and pastors. All through this time, God was placing a great burden on my heart for missions among Latin Americans.

My education took me to Dawsonville, Georgia, where I continued my studies with Pastor Charles Blackstock at the satellite campus of BCWE at Lighthouse Baptist Church. Shortly after beginning there, Pastor Blackstock asked me to come on his staff as an assistant. Then, in my senior year, God allowed me to begin Iglesia Bautista El Faro, the Spanish ministry at Lighthouse. I pastored this work for nearly 5 years, and we saw many people come to know the Lord, be baptized and get involved in Christian service. It was also during this time that I met and married my wonderful wife, Aubrie. She has been more than amazing and supportive along each step of the journey.

“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

— 1 CORINTHIANS 15:10 —

In 2011, God turned our hearts toward Colombia. We turned over the Spanish church in GA to the man who had become my assistant, in order to begin raising support for the mission God had for us in Colombia. Just two years later, we landed in Bucaramanga, Colombia, ready to hit the ground running.

We have been amazed as we witness God save and change lives, as well as call men into the ministry over these last several years. We've seen two churches planted in Colombia so far, and are looking forward to starting many more in the near future. As I reflect on the success we have had, the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:10 come to mind. It really is all by his grace. Though ministry takes hard work, it's not us, rather the grace of God working in and through us. There's still much to do!



AUBRIE'S TESTIMONY

Hello, I'm Aubrie. I was born and raised in Ashland, Ohio. After I graduated from Ashland High school I went to Appalachian Bible College in West Virginia, where I minored in missions. Next, I went to the University of Akron in Ohio and majored in zoology. I thought I would become a missionary zoologist; someone who could

rescue animals and take the Gospel to all parts of the world. I never imagined that God had bigger better plans for me than I had for myself.

The Lord had a wonderful godly man waiting on me to become his wife. I grew up in a very broken home and had started losing hope that single, wonderful, godly men still existed, but I was more than pleasantly surprised to find that they do, and that he did.

Even though I came from a broken home, my mother took my brother and me to church every week. One Sunday after church when I was young I asked my mom how Jesus could save me. She helped me understand that all I had to do was believe in Jesus and ask him to forgive me for my sin. After I asked Jesus to save me I really wanted others to know as well. I told classmates at school and took them to church. As I grew I served in different ministries in the church, helping out wherever I could.

After college I went on a medical missions trip to Arequipa, Peru, where my heart grew larger for the Spanish language and Hispanic people. Shortly after the trip I met my Honey, Aaron, who was pastoring a Spanish church at the time. I am so thankful and blessed to have him as my husband and have our beautiful baby girls from God. I wouldn't want my life any other way. I love serving God with my husband. I love the adventure of ministering in Colombia. It's the greatest life anyone could ever hope for.

**“There is no fear
in love; but
perfect love
casteth out fear:
because fear
hath torment. He
that feareth is
not made perfect
in love.”**

— 1 JOHN 4:18 —

THE VANCE GIRLS



Amira

(March 26, 2010)



Anabel

(May 26, 2012)



Aris

(February 24, 2015)



Alethea

(November 16, 2017)

COLOMBIA QUICK FACTS

Population (2018):

■ 49.5 million souls! (80% urban)

Language:

■ Colombians speak **Spanish**

Predominate Religions:

■ 80% Roman Catholic

■ 11% Pentecostal / Charismatic

■ 6% Atheist / Agnostic

■ 3% Cults & "Other"



MINISTRY TIMELINE



■ **(2004)** Missions and Spanish Language studies, Peru South America

■ **(2007)** B. Th. with Emphasis in Missions from the Baptist College for World Evangelism, Alpharetta, GA *(now called the Our Generation Training Center)*

■ **(2005-2011)** worked as Pastoral Assistant / Assistant Pastor at Lighthouse Baptist Church, Dawsonville, GA

■ **(2006-2011)** Started and pastored Spanish church as a ministry of our home church



■ **(2011-2013)** Deputation as missionaries to Colombia with Macedonia World Baptist Missions

■ **(2013-2017)** First term in Colombia, planted two churches as well as a Bible Institute for leaders

■ **(2018)** Furlough to give a report to partner churches in the USA, as well as to raise additional monthly support.



GOALS & MINISTRY FOCUS

- We strive to fulfill the Great Commission through **Gospel evangelism**, the **establishment of indigenous local churches**, and the **equipping of national leaders**.
- We have been able to establish **two churches** in our first term in Colombia, as well as the training of national leadership. These churches run around 100-150 and over 50 in attendance, respectively.
- There are over **two dozen people currently training for ministry** in our Bible Institute, all at different stages in their progress.
- **Goals for the future include:**

- The expansion of our Bible Institute into a full Bible College
- The establishment of 2-3 more churches by 2020 and 50+ churches within the next 30 years
- Additional ministries as God provides opportunity, resources, and workers. (*Radio ministry, Television ministry, addiction ministry, orphans and widows outreach, etc...*)



OUR NEEDS DURING THIS FURLOUGH

- Our primary need is to **raise our support level** in order to continue ministering and growing at our current rate of progress.
- Secondary needs are to **raise money to assist our first two churches in purchasing property**, as well as set aside money in a **church planting fund** to help future works get off the ground.



Recommendation from

Pastor Charles Blackstock

Lighthouse Baptist Church — Dawsonville, Georgia

To Those Considering Missionary Aaron Vance,

Six years ago I wrote a recommendation letter for Aaron Vance, missionary to Colombia, South America. I wrote about his dedication to the training he received under my mentorship and how he was well prepared for the field. He had preached over 100 times, won and discipled converts, and served on my staff. Bro. Vance was fluent in the Spanish language and started our Spanish Church and then developed a leader to become the pastor before he left for the mission field. In the letter, I highly recommended the Vance family and predicted their success on the field.

Now, I'm writing about a family that has been on the field for a full four year term. As I suggested, they have been greatly used of God. I have been to the field twice to see the work during this term. It is truly amazing what God has done. Bro. Aaron immediately started a church and within a few months it had outgrown the building they were meeting in. With a new and larger space they continued to grow, having 100-150 people in attendance each Sunday morning. Bro. Vance started a Bible Institute which quickly grew to over two dozen students training for ministry each week. The thrill of my second trip to Bucaramanga was to spend time with these students. Their desire to learn and be used of God made my heart rejoice. He took some of these students and went to another location and started a second church.

As I write this letter, the Vances are about to take a furlough and come to the States to visit supporting churches. They return having established two strong churches which are growing and winning souls. He has men training for the ministry on a weekly basis. He has strong pastoral leadership in both churches. In other words, by the grace of God, they have gotten the job done.

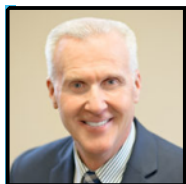
It is difficult for a preacher to speak openly about what he has accomplished for fear of seeming proud or arrogant. That is why I want to speak on his behalf. I also want to again highly recommend them for support. Heaven will prove an investment in Aaron Vance to be a wise decision. God will no doubt add fruit to your account for helping this man of God get more done.

Colombia is a country hungry for the truth. Furthermore, unlike many other places around the world where there is great difficulty to get into the country and openly minister, in Colombia there exists great freedom to preach and build churches. With the financial and prayer support of more churches, I know Bro. Vance will be able to do much more for the kingdom of our God. Colombia is a key country in South America. Establishing strong churches and a Bible college will be crucial to reaching the Spanish speaking people of that region.

I hope you will seriously consider partnering with the Vances for this purpose.

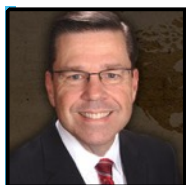
Sincerely,

Dr. Charles J. Blackstock, Jr.

**Recommendation from****Pastor Harry Strachan**

Calvary Baptist Church — Ashland, Ohio

It is a joy to be able to recommend to you the ministry of Aaron and Aubrie Vance. The Vances have faithfully been serving in the country of Colombia, and have done a wonderful job. They are a solid family, and have been very productive in establishing local churches, seeing souls saved, disciplined and other ministries established to enhance their local church. Your missions prayers, endeavors and finances would be well spent on this family. Thank you for your consideration.

**Recommendation from****Dr. Scott Caudill**

President & General Director, MWBM, Inc.

It is my privilege to recommend the Aaron Vance family. Their years of faithful service to the Lord is a great indicator of their burden for the people of Colombia. They have been faithful in fulfilling the task God has called them to do. With the full support of their Pastor, sending church, and Macedonia World Baptist Missions, Inc., I sincerely believe that any association you have with them will result in fruit that will ultimately abound to your account. If you have any questions or concerns about the Vance Family, please do not hesitate to contact me at 706.654.2818. I will be happy to talk with you.

**Recommendation from****Dr. Dean Hamby**

Assistant Director, MWBM. Inc.

I am pleased to recommend to you Aaron and Aubrie Vance, missionaries to Colombia, South America. I have known Brother Aaron for 22 years when his father came to Macedonia to work in the print shop. The Vance's have proven themselves both in Colombia and in the United States. Before going to Colombia as a missionary, Brother Aaron started and directed the Spanish ministry at his home church, Lighthouse Baptist Church in Dawsonville, Georgia. The Vances are doing an outstanding job in Colombia establishing churches and training men for the ministry. I recommend them to you for your consideration and missionary support. May the Lord richly bless you and your ministry.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

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 use the King James Bible for all teaching and preaching in English. 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. Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6; I John 5:7

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, otherwise called the New Jerusalem, the eternal home of the redeemed. We believe this 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 Saviour, 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 in 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

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 we do not teach or practice speaking in tongues. Isaiah 28:11-13; John 7:37-39; 14:17; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 1:22; 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 12-1

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 Jesus promised that His church would have continual existence, and 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; I John 9-11; II Corinthians 6:14-7:1

End of doctrinal statement



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