

Alberto and Ashley Testimony

I was born in Spain on September 2, 1986. At the age of six during a Vacation Bible School I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. At the age of eleven my family and I moved to the United States where my father became the pastor of the Spanish ministry at Madison Baptist Church. During my teen years the Lord began to burden me about the mission field and more specifically about Spain. I surrendered to God and decided to go wherever He would have me to go. I graduated from the Madison Baptist Academy in the year of 2004. God led me to go to Crown College where I spent two years, then I finished my studies at Southeastern Fundamental Baptist College (SFBC). I graduated from SFBC in May of 2008. The Lord has used both places to prepare me for the ministry. During my time in College, I have been blessed to work under my dad. He has given me the opportunity to serve in several areas of the Spanish ministry: Children's ministry, Youth ministry, Music ministry, Visitation ministry and many other areas.

Ashley was born on September 10, 1985; in Huntsville, Alabama. My parents were saved when I was very young, so I had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home. I made a profession of faith at the age of five, but did not fully understand that faith in Christ, not repeating a prayer would save me. I struggled with doubts of my salvation for a long time; fearing what people would think to know I had not been saved before. God continued working on my heart and I was saved in July of 1997 at the age of eleven. My Dad baptized me and I have been growing spiritually since. It had always been my desire to be a missionary wife, however it was several years after my salvation that I felt the confirmation that missions was God's will for my life. I also attended Madison Baptist Academy; and graduated in 2003. Most of my college education was done at Southeastern Fundamental Baptist College out of our church, although I did go to Crown College for a year. I graduated from SFBC in May of 2007. I became involved in the Spanish ministry at our church in 2002 when Alberto and I began to be interested in one another. I have been blessed to be involved in the Sunday School, Nursery, Choir, and many other Spanish ministries. In the past six years I have learned to speak Spanish fairly fluent; although I am continuing to learn new things. The Lord has used many people and circumstances in each stage of my life to continually draw me closer to him and to mold me to the working of His will. .

Ashley and I met in Madison Baptist Academy when we were very young; we were actually High School sweethearts. Even as teenagers we knew where God had called us and strived for that goal. After 5 years, God allowed us to get married on August 3rd, 2007. A year later we went to Spain to help missionaries. We were in Granada for three months helping the Stark family. After that we spent nine months at the church where I got saved. During the year in Spain we were able to see people come to know Jesus Christ as their personal savior and also got to experience the mission field first hand. Our son Sergio was also born in Spain and now we are expecting a baby in April. We praise God for the opportunity to serve Him!