

PROJECT THAILAND

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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

We are Church Planting missionaries to Thailand. Thank you for taking the time to look over this and we ask that you would prayerfully consider supporting our ministry to the country of Thailand.

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PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

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- Austin Gardner

EDUCATION

PHILIP

- Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, Pensacola Christian College, 2005
- Masters of Missiology, Baptist College for World Evangelism, 2007

LORI

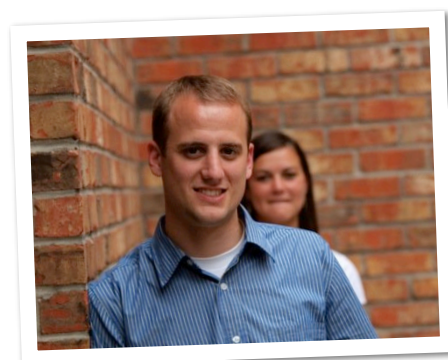
- Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design, Pensacola Christian College, 2008

TESTIMONIES AND CALL TO MINISTRY

PHILIP BASSHAM

Though I was raised in a Christian home, it wasn't until I went to a youth camp at age 15 that I understood my sin, realized my need of a Savior and put my faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. As I read my Bible and began to grow, it quickly became clear to me that He wanted me in full-time Christian service. In Bible college the Lord slowly worked in my life to direct my attention to the mission field more and more.

When I graduated, I was able to spend 6 months in Peru before helping to start Vision Baptist Church. Every step of the way, He has been preparing me for the ministry He has now called us to in Thailand.



LORI BASSHAM

I was raised in a Christian home and the Lord saved me when I was 4 years old. I understood the Gospel for the first time when my mom shared the Bible with me and I trusted Jesus as my Savior. The Lord worked in my heart and when I was 15 at a youth camp I surrendered my life to Him. As I studied His Word, I began to grow and fall more in love with Him. While studying graphic design in Bible college, He gave me more of a desire for missions, and it has been exciting to see how the Lord has worked in my life. I am thrilled about His leading and I can't wait to see Christ do a work in the hearts of the Thai people.



MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE TIME

While in college, I had the opportunity to travel across America for 2 summers of Bible College leading Youth Crusades in local churches. I preached about 14 times per week to adults, teens, and children, and was able to see the Lord save many people.

PERU, SOUTH AMERICA

In June of 2005, I moved to Peru, South America for 6 months and was able to experience language school, cultural adaptation, and living as a missionary in a foreign land. While there I had the opportunity to teach English and Bible as an outreach ministry of the church, as well as having the opportunity to be mentored by veteran missionary, Austin Gardner.

VISION BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

As a Pastoral assistant, I was involved in starting a church and see it grow from birth to maturity. For over 4 years I have had the opportunity to be a part of the decisions and direction of the church.

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Though I didn't expect the opportunity, I became the Music Director. We took this very seriously and did our best to do music that would honor the Lord. The music flourished and we eventually were given the opportunities to sing in many churches, provide special music for many conferences and events, and even produce a CD.

SINGLES DIRECTOR

As the Singles Director of Vision Baptist I was able to see the class grow, people get saved and baptized, people trained to do ministry, and start other classes. I had the privilege to prepare and teach lessons weekly and see God use His word in peoples hearts.

INSTRUCTOR, OUR GENERATION TRAINING CENTER

While working at Vision Baptist, I also taught classes in the Our Generation Training center such as Romans, Hebrew History, the Pentateuch, Media in Ministry, and Modules on Music in the Church.



PHILOSOPHY, STRATEGY, AND GOALS

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our ministry philosophy is found in Matt 28:18-20 and 2 Timothy 2:2. The pattern we want to follow is in the Great Commission - to Teach, Baptize, and Teach some more.

Teach - We believe, especially in a country like Thailand, that a person must be taught the Gospel before they can believe the Gospel.

Baptize - We believe that every person should then be baptized by immersion and become active in the church.

Teach - Then we want to see every Christian grow in maturity “to observe all things” and become disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Plant Churches - God has ordained to use the church and our desire is to see a strong, self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating, Bible-based churches started in Thailand.

That will be our focus - to start churches, evangelize the lost, and train them to do the same. This is not a strategy, it is God’s prescription.

Train Leaders - The priority for our ministry will be to teach and train faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2 Tim 2:2). The fundamental problem in Thailand is the lack of strong, doctrinally sound, evangelizing churches.

We want the Thai people to hear and believe the gospel, find their joy and purpose in Him, and be used to reach others.

OUR STRATEGY

Men - We intend on following the pattern of the Lord Jesus who made it his ministry to train men that would be capable to carry on the ministry when he was gone.

Media - In a country like Thailand, the name of Jesus is largely unknown by the masses, so we intend on using mass-media to extend the reach of our ministry as far as possible to places that we could never reach without it. This is an especially exciting opportunity since there currently seems to be laws that would permit this.

Materials - We want to produce sound Biblical material in the Thai tongue that can be distributed and reproduced to teach the gospel beyond what we can do alone. We plan on utilizing every tool available to publish His name among those who do not know Him. This will involve translation of current materials, development of new material, and the printing and distribution.

OUR GOALS

SHORT-TERM

- Language School
- Cultural and ministry training under a veteran missionary.

LONG TERM

- Evangelize the Lost
- Establish Local Churches
- Equip National Leadership

RECOMMENDATIONS



**Austin Gardner,
Vision Baptist Church
Alpharetta, GA**

Dear Pastor,

Philip and Lori Bassham are two of the finest people that I know. I have had the privilege of being their pastor now for nearly four years! I have worked with Philip both as a student in Peru before starting the church, and then on our staff here at Vision.

Philip has experienced ministry here and on the mission field. In Peru, Philip gained valuable experience dealing with the cruel realities of learning and speaking a foreign language, dealing with culture shock, living in a foreign country, doing cross cultural evangelism, preaching, eating strange foods, etc.

Philip is a man of character. He is hard working, diligent, faithful, and hungry to be used of God. Philip not only has these characteristics but we have seen him work and grow and carry real responsibilities in the ministry here in his church.

He is prepared far beyond the average missionary to do the work that God has called him to do.

Philip is a real leader among his peers, and I believe will be greatly used of God in Thailand.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider having Philip in your church and then supporting this very needy ministry. Thailand is a key country and in great need of the gospel if we want to impact the world and glorify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that Philip will be a blessing to you and your church when he presents the work and even more so as we see him get to the mission field and begin the work that God has called him to do.

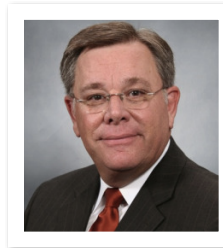
Thank you for whatever help you can give Philip as he prepares to go to Thailand as a church planting missionary.

I am honored to be their pastor and to serve God with them. If you have any further questions about them, their character, their dedication, their preparation, or service please feel free to give me a call.

Yours to evangelize the world in our generation,

W. Austin Gardner

Matthew 6:33



**Chuck Wetherbee,
Victory Baptist Church
Weatherford, TX**

Dear Pastor,

It is with great delight and confidence that I recommend

Philip and his dear wife to you for consideration in having a part in their endeavors to Thailand. Philip has applied himself diligently in seeking God's will and preparing himself for the great cause of missions.

I was his pastor for 5 years here in Weatherford, Tx. and have watched him grow and develop both in his convictions and in his compassion for the lost. He has a great testimony within our church and I am sure that we will support him every way we can.

Again, I feel that Philip and his wife are a great investment for any church to make in regards to reaching souls, planting churches and glorifying God in Thailand.

Please feel free to call me at any time should you have any questions that I might be able to answer.

All For Him,

Dr. Charles W. Wetherbee

DOCTRINE

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. (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; I 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; I 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 Vision Baptist Church does 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

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