

Candidate Profile - David Posthuma

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Personal Testimony

My Spiritual Journey

You really cannot understand my spiritual journey until you learn about my parents.

My mother and father came from two completely opposite religious poles.

My father was raised Netherlands Dutch Reformed where all services were in Dutch, the women sat on one side of the church dressed in black and veiled, while the men sat on the other side, also dressed in black. Singing was not permitted. My father never really understood the gospel until after his years in the Navy he walked into a city mission, and there he heard the gospel (and not religiosity) for the first time and responded.

My mother, on the other hand, was raised in a multi-generational pagan family...no one in her entire family line had ever even been in a church. However, a Sunday School teacher came to their farm one Sunday and asked if she could take the children to church. Surprisingly, my grandfather said yes. At Sunday School, my mother heard the gospel and responded. Although she was only permitted to attend Sunday School for a few months, she came to believe in Christ and never wavered.

So, when I and my brother were children, our parents stressed to us the importance of personally accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior. This I did when I was seven years old.

Family Information



Alyssa, 7 years old



Joshua, 4 years old



David and Tamara Posthuma

We have been married for ten years. During that time, God has led us on a spiritual roller coaster that has taken us out of church planting and pastoral ministry, into a roll of providing strategic planning and ministry resources for ministry professionals. These resources have not only included various assessment tools, but also powerful software solutions that include [Parent Pager](#) and [E-Church Essentials](#). Additional resource services include [DavidsDesign.net](#), [OnlineDiscipleship](#) and the soon to be released [AssessME.org](#).

Training

My training consists of...

- 1) A Bachelor of Arts in *Education and World Religions* from Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2) Calvin Seminary, Transfer
- 3) Master's of Divinity, Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL
- 4) Two-Units Clinical Pastoral Education, MacNeal Hospital, Chicago, IL
- 5) Three John Maxwell Leadership Seminars
- 6) Numerous Willow Creek Seminars

Ministry Experience

God has used me to...

- 1) Play guitar and bass in a regionally touring Christian band
- 2) Begin a College & Career ministry for a Mega-Church
- 3) Re-start a dying Chicago church
- 4) Plant two churches
- 5) Help two churches merge
- 6) Develop four different worship teams
- 7) Design and develop the Parent Pager system (Nationally released)
- 8) Design and develop the Sitecast System (Unreleased)

9) Design and develop the Essential Solution by E-Church Essentials

Future Goals

I believe God is leading me to extend a prophetic call to His Church to wake-up to the ministry potential that is possible when churches stop trying to build their own campus-based empires, and rather, seek to build the body of Christ...especially using online ministry tools.

Spiritual Journal Entries

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personality

+ Super Leader

grace GIFTS

- + Discerning of Spirits
- + Evangelism
- + Teacher

LEADERSHIP STYLE

+ Pastoral

interests

Amateur Radio
Guitar
New Ministry Development
Theatre

Member of Teams

Emerging Church
Test Drive Team

Courses Completed

An Introduction to Ministry-Based Websites (December, 2004)



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