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Pastor,

My family and I are on deputation to raise financial support to go to Brazil as missionaries. We have been sent out of South Knollwood Baptist Church in Topeka, KS, under the leadership of Jeremiah Metsinger, where we served for 8 1/2 years. In our time there we grew as a family (five children) and in the development of leadership and skill sets needful in the field of Brazil. The Lord has called us to Itapua do Oeste, Brazil, where we will be serving with Tom and Cindy Brewer who have been missionaries to Brazil for over 37 years!

In this packet you will find our testimonies, educational background, ministry experience ,7-step plan, and pastoral references. You can get additional information about us, download materials, **book a meeting**, and see our presentation video at schmidts2brazil.com.

While I am not sure if your church is planning to support any missionaries within the next 12-18 months, I do know you share a heart to see more Bible-preaching Baptist churches started. We would love the opportunity to share with you what the Lord is preparing to do in Brazil! Please prayerfully consider getting behind our efforts to reach the people of Brazil.

I would love to hear from you soon!

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and all you do for His kingdom!

The Schmidt Family
Missionaries to Brazil



Testimony of Salvation and Call into Christian Service

Mike Schmidt:

At age 9, my mother led me in the sinners prayer, yet we never went to church growing up. At the age of 16, I got connected to a youth group and began going on my own. After I came back from summer camp, I sat through a church service and was miserable. One of the workers noticed and asked me afterward if I was sure I was saved. I told him no, and right there I asked Christ to save me from my sin, and was baptized two weeks later.

Every once in a while my youth pastor would let the teens preach during Sunday school. One of the times he challenged us guys to make a message, i took him up on it. While sitting working on a message, it became clear to me that this was what I was to do with my life- that is to preach. I surrendered to go to Bible College and did so the next year. For the past 15 years I have served the Lord in whatever way I could. For the last eight years I've served as youth pastor at South Knollwood Baptist Church. Along with working with the youth, I've also operated in many other capacities. Some of them include electrical, plumbing, construction, inventory, outreach, website design, graphic design and pulpit fill.

I have always been open to missions, but never felt God leading and directing me that way until this year. In July of 2018, we took a missions trip to Itapua do Oeste, Brazil. It was on a Monday morning when I woke up and, as when I was called to preach, it was clear that I was to be there in Brazil. After three days, I talked with my pastor, and we decided to take a couple of months to pray. During those months, God made it clear to me that missions was still His will. There were providential meetings and conversations, the continued promptings from the Spirit, and the confirmation of my spiritual mentors- especially that of my pastor. It was in fact made so plain to me that, I am without question, convinced I will be sinning if I do not go.



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Ashlie Schmidt:

I asked Jesus to save me from my sins at the age of nine at vacation bible school. After that event in my life, I didn't attend church except for your occasional Christmas or Easter service. The lack of God's Word in my life was evident in my teen years as I began heading down a scary path of living.

Many nights, I remembered praying, asking God to help me stop sinning so much. Not understanding that he already did when He died and rose again. Finally one day when I was 18, it was like something knocked me aside the head and said Ashlie, go back to your "home" church. I told my friend that I was going to go to church that Sunday because I needed to stop living the way I was—drugs, bad relationships, lying, stealing, and so much more. I cannot remember if it was that night or another but I remember being in my room as an 18 year girl pleading to God for forgiveness for the way my life was at the time. I remembered as I thought on what Christ did on the cross so that I might be forgiven for the horrible things I had done, my heart was overjoyed with the truth that I could be pardoned. That moment was such a refreshing, liberating time in my life. I felt so clean and so loved that I couldn't help but give everything to Him. I started out attending Trinity Baptist in Jacksonville FL. Then two years later, transferred to Heartland Baptist Bible College. It was there that I met my husband and we married soon after graduation.

In the summer of 2018 on our missions trip to Brazil, the Lord began to work on the heart of my husband to surrender to come back to Brazil. I am excited for what lies ahead. Though the heartache of leaving has been far greater than I ever could imagine, I know Gods will for my life is to submit to the leadership of my husband and trust that God is in control. I am more than ready to serve the people in Brazil and love them just like I love the people here in the States.



Education and Ministry Experience

Education

Heartland Baptist Bible College **Bachelors of Biblical Studies** 2004-2008
Heartland Baptist Bible College **Masters of Ministries** 2008-2010

Ministry Experience

Anchor Baptist Church (Massillon, OH) 2002-2004
Church Member

- Weekly soul winning
- Choir ministry

Southwest Baptist Church (Oklahoma City, OK) 2004-2010
Church Member

- Bus ministry
- Weekly soul winning
- Assisted with 3rd-4th grade boys Spanish class
- Heartland Couples class coordinator
- Choir ministry
- Hospital visits

Heartland Baptist Bible College (Oklahoma City, OK) 2004-2010
Student

- Witness! and Assurance music group - sound technician
- Summer Internship at Bayview Baptist Church, Mastic Beach, NY

South Knollwood Baptist Church (Topeka, KS) 2010-Present
Youth pastor/Assistant Pastor/Sent Missionary

- Established and facilitated a public school bible club
- Established and facilitated an annual region-wide Youth Rally
- Established a K-12 comprehensive plan (Curriculum, parent involvement)
- Oversight of aspects of church administration (Inventory and allocation of supplies, project bids, etc.)
- Planned and lead music services, coordinated special groups
- Planned and lead outreach events, organizing city wide canvassing and door knocking efforts
- Website build and design and management
- Pulpit fill at various times in surrounding churches
- Building remodeling and upkeep (electrical, plumbing, general construction, finishing, etc.)
- Recruiting training and supporting of youth volunteers
- Integrated youth, specifically teens into the ongoing ministries of the church

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The Plan





Sending Pastors Recommendation

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for taking time to consider Mike Schmidt's ministry. He and his wife have served our church for eight years as Youth Pastor. They have showed themselves faithful and able ministers. It is my joy to recommend them to you as potential missionaries.

I have had the privilege to work with Bro. Schmidt and watch him grow as a leader. I believe that his skill set, ministry fervor, and love for people will serve him well for this particular field. I am excited to see how God will use it in the years ahead.

I ask that you would join us as we pray for the Schmidt's survey trip, deputation, and their ministry on the field. I also ask that you consider joining us in financially supporting the Schmidt Family.

If you have any questions for me personally, feel free to contact me. Please consider partnering with us to see God work in Brazil.

Your Friend,

Jeremiah Metsinger
Pastor of South Knollwood Baptist Church
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Recommendations by Pastors:

Pastor Jeff Baumer, Twin Rivers Baptist Church, Marietta, OH

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mike Schmidt for almost 20 years, as I had the privilege of being his youth pastor when he was a teenager. Mike was always a leader amongst the other teens, and was always a team player. He served the Lord and others before himself, and he was always involved in the ministries of the church. He faithfully attended visitation, witnessed to teens in his public school, sang in the teen and adult choirs, and would lead in devotions or preach in the teen department when asked. He was also an encouragement to his kid brother and sister and helped to mold and shape them to follow Christ, and they both now serve full-time in their prospective churches.

Mike has always thrown himself completely into whatever the Lord has called him to do. When Mike felt the call to preach, he never faltered and was excited to attend Bible college, where he continued to grow in his faith. After graduating, Mike was faithful to serve the Lord in the church where God placed him.

I can truly say that I believe that Mike will continue to be a blessing wherever the Lord places him, and I am excited to see how God will use Him.

Pastor Jeff Baumer
Twin Rivers Baptist Church
<http://www.twinriversbaptist.org>
Marietta, Ohio

Pastor Noah Downing, Calvary Baptist Church, Wellington, TX

Fellow laborers,

I am honored to recommend Mike and Ashlie Schmidt for consideration in your missions program. Mike and I met we were students at Heartland Baptist Bible College and have kept in touch ever since. He has a passion for preaching the word, strives for order and structure in his ministry and personal life, and is motivated to diligently educate himself. He and Ashlie are doing a wonderful job raising their children using balanced and biblical principles. I am eager to see them used of the Lord in Brazil, and encourage you to prayerfully consider joining us in supporting their ministry!

Pastor Noah Downing
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April 16, 2019

Dear Pastor,

It is a joy to recommend Michael and Ashlie Schmidt as missionaries to Brazil. Bro. Michael and his family spent several weeks with veteran missionaries Tom and Cindy Brewer. The Brewers are sent missionaries of Southwest Baptist Church. It has been a blessing to watch these families work together for the sake of the gospel.

Michael and Ashlie were exemplary students of Heartland Baptist Bible College. They were faithful in attendance and ministry while members of Southwest Baptist Church. I recall Bro. Michael's soul winning zeal and passion for the truth. It was not a surprise to hear that God had called them to be missionaries. Because of their continued connection to Heartland Baptist Bible College, I have been able to observe their growth and development as they served at South Knollwood Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas. They have been a great help to Pastor Jeremiah Metsinger and the members of the church.

It is without any reservation that I recommend them for your consideration of support.

For His Name,



Pastor Jason Gaddis