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THE VAN WINKLES

Taking the Truth of the Gospel to Turkey



Brady and Sarah Van Winkle

Church planting missionaries to the country of Turkey

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading our information packet. We count it a privilege to be missionaries to the country of Turkey, and are excited to see all that God has in store for the country of Turkey. We believe that through God's help, we can reach the needy country of Turkey. We believe we can do this by boldy evangelizing, discipling believers, training men, and planting churches. In this packet you will find information about us, our ministry, and pastoral recommendations. It would be an honor if you would allow us to present our burden for the country of Turkey in your church. Thank you again for taking time out of your busy day to read our information packet. May God bless you and your church.

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Yours to Turkey,
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Testimonies

Brady Van Winkle

I had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home. We were at church every time we could be. When I was 8 years old, I realized that I was not saved and needed Christ. I talked to my dad, after church on Mother's Day Sunday. I realized I was a sinner and could not do anything to get to Christ on my own. I put my faith and trust in Christ and that He died on the cross for my sin and rose again the third day. After salvation, my life changed completely. God put me in a mission minded church, and in close contact with a former missionary to Africa. God used this gentleman to give me an understanding and desire for missions. I always enjoyed talking to missionaries when they came to our church. When I was thirteen, I went to a week of church camp. At that camp, I realized God was calling me into missions and that night I surrendered to God's call of missions on my life. As I grew in Christ and read more of the Bible, my burden to get the gospel to the world grew stronger. Everywhere God lead me in my life helped to shape me to become more missions minded. In June of 2015, God lead my wife and me to attend the Our Generation Training Center in Alpharetta, GA and I had the privilege of sitting and learning under Pastor Austin Gardner, as well as several other missionaries. While teaching an English class at Vision Baptist Church, God lead a Turkish family to come to our class. While talking and getting to know this couple and their need of Christ, God broke my heart for the country of Turkey and the need of the gospel in the country. It is our prayer and goal to take the truth of the gospel to the country of Turkey and see it reached with the gospel of Christ!

Sarah Van Winkle

I had the great privilege to be raised in a Christian home by godly parents who were involved in Christian service. At the age of twelve, on October 17, 2001, I asked the Lord to forgive me for my sins and I accepted the free gift of eternal life for which His death and resurrection had paid. On August 20, 2005, during a youth rally at Holy Mountain Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tennessee, I surrendered my life to full time Christian service. After seeking the Lord's will for three years concerning college, God gave me peace about attending Crown College in 2007. I graduated in 2011 with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. While there, God began, actively, pricking my heart in the area of missions. I was given the opportunity to work in international ministries on the weekends, witnessing to and discipling people from China, Iraq, India and Liberia. God greatly used these ministries in my life to soften my heart toward the unreached people of the world. After graduation, I returned to my home church, Fellowship Baptist in Wytheville, Virginia, to begin working full time in their Christian school. During my time there, the Lord allowed me to marry my husband and for us to engage in several ministries within the church.

In 2015, the Lord moved our family to Alpharetta, Georgia to study missions at the Our Generation Training Center under Pastor Austin Gardner.



Training and Experience

Training

Crown College of the Bible- Bachelors of Missions

Our Generation Training Center- Spent one year training under Pastor Austin Gardner

Experience

Bus Director/ Bus ministry- I had the privilege of directing the bus program at two of the churches I worked in. Every church I have worked in, I have been actively involved in the bus ministry either by visitation or riding on the bus.

Visitation Leader- I had the privilege to head up a visitation time for the teens at Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle in Martinsville, IN.

Youth Pastor- I spent two years at Liberty Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, AR. I helped to start the youth group for the church. God blessed and we saw many teenagers come to Christ and continue in the church.

Sunday School Teacher- I have taught Teen, College and Career, Primary and Junior Boys and Discipleship Sunday School classes

Children Church Director- I have had the privilege several times to lead a children's church program. God allowed me, each time, to see growth in the children's church and children come to Christ, be baptized and grow in Christ.

Discipleship Director- I had the privilege of starting the discipleship ministry at Fellowship Baptist Church in Wytheville, VA

Discipleship and Mentorship- God has allowed me the privilege to disciple many young people and be a mentor to college aged men, training to be in the ministry.



ESL (English) Teacher- God gave me the privilege to start ESL classes at Vision Baptist Church in Alpharetta, GA. We were able to see many different cultures come to the church.

Song Leader

Choir/Ensemble Director

Overseas ministry

One semester spent in Great Britain
During college, I had the privilege of spending a semester in Great Britain at The Crown College British Division. While there I helped with a church plant, helped to grow a teen youth rally, disciplined young people, took classes, helped several pastors around the country by preaching, teaching and soul winning, taught kids classes, taught English and experienced many other opportunities.

Mission Trip to Cambodia to train national pastors



Ministry Objectives

Language

The first thing we will do is focus on learning the language (Turkish) so we can effectively communicate the gospel and the Bible to the people.

Bold Evangelism

Although Turkey is considered a “closed” country, there are few restrictions to evangelizing and sharing the gospel. We plan and desire to actively and boldly share the gospel!

Discipleship

As nationals are saved, our goal is to disciple them one-on-one, so they can grow in Christ and, in turn, reproduce themselves and bring more Turkish people to Christ.

Church Planting

Once nationals are discipled, the men will be trained to become pastors of churches and sent out to plant churches all over the country and eventually the world. These men will be trained to evangelize, disciple and train men to do the same thing they are doing. By training men we pray God will allow us to effectively reach the whole country of Turkey and the world.



Turkey

**80 Million
people in
Turkey**

**99.8%
Muslim**

**Only .01%
Evangelical
Christian**

Pastoral Recommendations

Austin Gardner: Pastor Vision Baptist Church

Dear Pastor,

I want to take this time to recommend to you Brady and Sarah Van Winkle. God has blessed me in allowing me to be their pastor. Brady and Sarah are the kind of workers any pastor would like to have in his church. They work tirelessly behind the scenes with no complaints and great results. While they have been at Vision, Brady and Sarah have started a ministry teaching English to reach out to the non English speaking people in our community. They have several adults coming to their ministry. They are sharing the gospel with them. They have worked each week in this ministry and are making a difference. They have also worked in the Children's ministry here at Vision, teaching Sunday School, sharing the gospel with children, etc. The Van Winkles have a good testimony. They work hard and they get the job done. God has touched their hearts to be missionaries to the country of Turkey. Brady has had a heart to carry the gospel to people who have not heard for a long time. I have seen their heart. I have seen their work ethic. I believe that God will do a good job through them. I am asking you to allow them to come and present their ministry in your church. I am praying that you will take them on for support. Let's reach a country that has had very little gospel work in it. Let's get someone there as soon as possible. Thank you for every consideration you will give the Van Winkles. If you have any questions about them please feel free to call me. Thanks for your investment in this fine family.

Gratefully yours for the cause of Christ,
W. Austin Gardner
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Shawn Cuthbertson: Pastor Liberty Baptist Church

Brother Brady came to work at Liberty Baptist Church in 2011. He served as our youth pastor from that time until 2013. Brady did a wonderful job as the youth pastor and we have young people who are still faithful in church to this day due to the work of love of Brother Brady. Brady always looked for opportunities to reach new people and build relationships with them in order to share the gospel. I still run into people, while out visiting, that remember Brady giving them the gospel. Brady worked tirelessly picking up young people in his car and then as the driver of our church van. I have seen him work two jobs and still serve the Lord consistently and faithfully. I am excited to see what God is going to do in the future with this young man and his wife.

Pastor Shawn Cuthbertson
Liberty Baptist Church
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Pastoral Recommendations

David Zempel: Pastor Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle

It is my privilege to recommend Brady Van Winkle as a missionary to Turkey. Brady began attending our church in fifth grade. He was raised in a faithful Christian home. I have known Brady as his pastor, mentor, and teacher. He has been burdened for missionary service for many years and has taken several trips to various mission fields in preparation to serve the Lord and seek God's direction in his life. Brady has been involved in preaching, youth outreach, vacation Bible School, children's churches, music ministries, and teen ministries. It has been encouraging to see God grow him in his faith and personal commitment to serve Christ. Brady is teachable and has a genuine desire to see God use him to impact others with the Gospel and the Truth of God's Word. If you have any questions or would like further input from me, do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email. Thank you for your vision to reach unto the uttermost part of the world.

Sincerely,
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Andrew Davis: Pastor Fellowship Baptist Church

I am privileged to have been Brady and Sarah Van Winkle's pastor. Sarah has been a lifelong member of our church family, and Brady joined two years ago when they got married. Sarah taught for our Christian school and Brady helped us out tremendously in numerous roles including teaching Sunday School, assisting with the young people, working our bus route and visiting many homes with the Gospel. Their dedication to these ministries was thorough and heartfelt. I had mixed emotions when I learned they would be leaving us. I knew our church would experience a real loss in their departure and ministries would have to be realigned. But we also rejoiced to know they were following God's call on their lives. Their enthusiasm since the day they left has not waned, only strengthened. The Van Winkles are graduates of Crown College and thus, have a strong foundation of preparation for ministry. More importantly, Brady and Sarah have a heart for souls. They spent many hours knocking on doors and approaching folks on the street in efforts to lead them to Christ. There is no question in my mind as to their fervent desire to see many precious folks come to Christ. They are loved and missed by our church family, but our loss is Turkey's gain. I hope you'll prayerfully consider having Brady and Sarah in to present their work. They are genuinely in love with Christ and steadfast in their efforts to win souls. If I can be of further help, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,
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