



Dustin and Ashley Brown Church Planting Missionaries to Turkey

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The Brown Family

Taking the Truth of the Gospel to Turkey



Dustin and Ashley Brown 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

Dustin Brown

When my older sister was five years old, she was reached through the bus ministry of Briggs Memorial Baptist Church. She started attending church every time she could and prayed, for many years, that my parents would get in church as well. Two weeks before I was born, my mom and dad began attending church with her. Because of this, I had the privilege to grow up in a Christian home. In July of 2005, I was saved after reading my Bible one morning and coming under the conviction of my need to trust Jesus to forgive me of my sins. I put my faith and trust in Christ alone, through what He did on the cross for me. I surrendered to full time Christian service soon after that and since then, have served God as a Youth Pastor, Associate Pastor, Outreach Director, Church Planter, and Pastor. In 2013, God started working in my heart about missions but I waited to act upon it because I was unclear on how to move forward at that time. Back in September of 2017, God made it clear to me that I was to surrender to be a missionary. At the time, I was pastoring Commerce Road Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, AR. I resigned my church a few months later and moved to Alpharetta, GA to intern for missions at the Our Generation Training Center under Pastor Austin Gardner. After surrendering to missions, I prayed about where God would have me go. God burdened my heart with Romans 15:20-21 for the need of Muslims throughout the world. I was training under Pastor Gardner on my internship when God worked on my heart that this task was better done in partnership with another missionary. We prayed and God led our heart to the country of Turkey, the most open Muslim nation in the world, where our good friends, Brady and Sarah Van Winkle, are called.

Ashley Brown

In October of 2011, I came under the conviction of my need for salvation after eight years of thinking that I was already saved. I realized that I did not fully understand the gospel when it was presented to me back in May of 2003, when I first began attending church. I had been depending on the "Christian service" that I had participated in and in the experience of the "decision" that I had made to save me instead of just putting my trust fully and only in Jesus and what He did for me. I came from a broken home, many times I was the only member of my family that attended church. As a teenager, I had a desire to marry a man who was going to serve God with his life whether that was a pastor, missionary, or anything in between. I desired to live a different life than my family did that involved serving, pleasing, and honoring God. I had known for a long time that God had been working on my husband's heart and in his life for missions without him ever really having to tell me. Through his preaching and emphasis on missions in every area of life, my heart was touched to also have a part in some way to get the gospel to the world, even if it was only just financially trying to support others. I could tell that deep down he had a desire to serve on the foreign field and was not surprised at all when he told me of his decision to surrender to be a missionary and to move to Alpharetta, GA to train under Pastor Austin Gardner. I'm so excited about this journey that we are embarking on and can't wait to see how the Lord will use us in Turkey!



Training and Experience

Training

Hyles Anderson College - Youth Ministry
Champion Baptist College - Youth Ministry
Our Generation Training Center - Missions training under Pastor Austin Gardner

Experience

Bus Captain (Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC 2009-2011)

Children's Church Director (Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC 2009-2011)

Assistant Youth Director (Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC 2009-2011)

Nursing Home Director (Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC 2009-2011)

Outreach Director (Liberty Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR 2011-2015)

Assistant Pastor (Liberty Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR 2011-2012)

Associate Pastor (Liberty Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR 2012-2017)

Youth Pastor (Liberty Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR 2014-2016)



Staff Church Planter - People's Community Baptist Church / Commerce Road Baptist Church (Liberty Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR 2015-2017)

Pastor (Commerce Road Baptist Church*, Pine Bluff, AR 2015-2017)

*previously People's Community Baptist Church prior to 2017

Sunday School Teacher (Various ages: Young Couple's, Teens, College & Career, Adults)

Discipleship & Training Men

Ordained in 2011



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**

Recommendations

Austin Gardner: Pastor Vision Baptist Church

Dear Pastor and friend,

I love Dustin and Ashley Brown. They just recently joined our church. I have known Dustin for several years as he visited and stayed in touch. Dustin worked on a church staff and then left and started a church. God blessed that work. He was reaching out to inner city people that most overlook. He led the church till they merged with another church, got a building, and have continued forward as a church. Dustin has some very unique experience in the ministry. He loves Jesus. He loves people. He is fun to be around. Dustin resigned the church and moved to the Alpharetta, Georgia area to prepare to be a missionary. He gave up a stable job and ministry. He stepped out by faith. Dustin has done everything we have asked as he prepared to start deputation to be a church planting missionary to Turkey. The Brown's joined Vision Baptist Church. They are serving and following after Jesus with all their hearts and a desire to get to Turkey where they will be able to start working with another of our missionaries as they get the language and culture. Then they will obviously move on to start more churches and reach more souls with the gospel. I believe that Dustin will be a blessing to your church. I believe that your mission's program will be enhanced by having such a fine family and missionary to co-labor with. Vision Baptist Missions is blessed to serve as their mission agency. If you have any questions about Dustin or Ashely please feel free to contact me. I vouch for them in every way. I know their character, their heart, their family very well. God bless you in your efforts to get the gospel to the world.

Gratefully yours for the cause of Christ,
W. Austin Gardner
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Jeff Bush: Director Vision Baptist Missions

Dustin previously pastored a church in Arkansas, desiring to serve God with his life. God used him there and then laid on his heart to get the Gospel to people with little access to the truth. Upon God's call in his heart, he uprooted his family to move to Alpharetta, Georgia for missions training. Dustin has more than proved himself as a hard worker, man of integrity and passionate for God. We at Vision Baptist Missions are thrilled to back up Dustin as he follows God's leading to the country of Turkey. I am honored to recommend Dustin and Ashley and know that your church will receive much fruit from the labor.

Here to Serve,
Jeff Bush
Director of Vision Baptist Missions
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Recommendations

Brady Van Winkle: Church Planter to Turkey

I am privileged to have the honor of recommending Dustin and Ashley Brown for your consideration in missions support. I have known Dustin for 7 years and have co-labored in ministry beside him for several of those years. He is not only a great and godly man, he is a wonderful friend. We are excited to have the Browns joining us in taking the gospel to the country of Turkey. They are both hard workers with a zeal for missions and seeing the world reached with the gospel. The first conversations Dustin and myself had were about missions and the need in the world! He has seen many souls saved and disciplined in his time in ministry and was able to start and pastor a church that supported our ministry. We ask that you would consider allowing them share their heart and burden for Turkey in your church and also, consider taking them on for support so they can endeavor to reach Turkey with the gospel! If you have any questions about Dustin and his family, feel free to give me a call or email!

Yours to Turkey,
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Bill Davis: Pastor Cornerstone Baptist Church

It is with great joy and delight that I recommend Dustin and Ashley Brown for your consideration to have a part in their ministry to the country of Turkey. Both Dustin and Ashley have applied themselves diligently in seeking God's will in preparing themselves for the work that God has called them on this great mission field. I have personally known this couple since their teen years and have watched them grow in The Lord, develop convictions, and display a sincere compassion for lost souls. Dustin and Ashley were a great asset to our church during their years here and have served in numerous ministries with great success in each of their endeavors. Dustin is a man of character. He is hard working, diligent, faithful, and hungers to be used of God. He is a leader among his peers and is a great father to Felicity. Ashley began attending our church as a teenage young lady and has developed into a submissive and virtuous young lady for God. She is completely supportive of her husband and is a great mother to Felicity. She will play a vital role in developing the Turkish women for Christ. My prayer is that you would prayerfully consider having Dustin and Ashley Brown in your church and support their great and needy ministry. There are very few works existing in this region and it is literally wide open for revival and evangelism. Dustin and Ashley Brown will be a blessing to you and your church when they present their work and burden for the Turkish people. Please consider supporting this wonderful family and making them a part of your missionary family. I have been honored to have been their Pastor and to have served with them. If you have any further questions concerning Dustin and Ashley Brown, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For His Cause,
Pastor Bill Davis - Luke 10:2
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