

THE TAYLER NORRIS FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO ZAMBIA



OUR PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

TAYLER

My name is Tayler Norris, I was born at Lajes Field, Terceira Island, Açores, Portugal! I am one of five boys, the fourth born, of my parents Dale and Trisha Norris. I grew up in a Christian home. From the time I was able to go to church I have been there every time the doors of the church were open for a service. My Father was in the U.S. Air Force, and while stationed in the Açores we attended Faith Baptist Church. After a year and a half living in Portugal, we moved to Edwards Air Force Base, CA just north of Lancaster CA. While living there we attended Victory Baptist Church in California City under the leadership of Pastor Ron Smith, Missionary to the military. Three years later we moved again to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, where we were members at First Baptist Church of Plattsmouth (Pastor Raymond Wicks). It was in Nebraska that I made my first profession of faith.

Four years later we moved once again, relocating to Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA just outside Santa Maria. It was here that I lived until I graduated from High School. I made my second profession of Faith when I was 9 years old because my older brother got saved and I figured if he was not saved then I was not as well. We became members of Coast Hills Baptist Church (formerly Fundamental Baptist church) Pastored by Bud Silva. Upon graduation from High School I attended Golden State Baptist College. After two years, due to financial problems, I had to return home. Before I had to come home, while I was still enrolled in college I came home on the weekend of July 18, 2010. That Sunday, I stopped running from God. I had known growing up that I was not truly saved at the age of 5 or 9. I kept trying to justify my salvation by what I was doing, being in Bible college, telling people I was called to preach, being the son of a Deacon, but none of it was salvation. On that Sunday I heard one of the faithful men in our church give his testimony, that is when God confronted me and would not let me put him aside again. I knew what I needed to do, so, after the service, I went home and in my bedroom got down on my knees and put my faith and trust in God and what he alone could do for me, I was no longer trusting in myself. I was baptized the same night after church. Later that summer, I went to Mt. Zion Baptist Camp in Shasta California as a camp counsellor, it was there that I was able to use my testimony to lead one of our bus teens to Salvation through Christ. It was then, I knew that God wanted me to be a preacher. When I came home from GSBC I started attending our church's institute and three years later I graduated.



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In 2012 I was able to go on a missions trip to Zambia, Africa to help missionary Damon Matacchiera. While on this missions trip I felt God leading me to missions. In 2013 a missionary family "The Kleins" to Argentina came through our church, for the second time, on furlough. I noticed their daughter Lorin, how she was very modest and loved God and her Family. God placed her on my heart and a few weeks later I called her dad to ask if I could begin a relationship with her through courtship. Seven months later we were married. A year and a week after my wife and I were married, our first son Deacon was born. The year following our marriage at our church missions conference we had a Missionary to Portugal speak. On the last night of the conference, God laid Mozambique on my heart, In September of 2015 my wife, our son Deacon, and I were able to visit Mozambique and see the need for the Gospel in that country. We began deputation to go to Mozambique in September of 2016 we finished in January of 2020. We had to wait for the covid pandemic to pass and had to stay in the USA for 2 years. In 2022 the Lord opened a door for us to go and work in Zambia hoping that the Lord would provide a way for us to enter Mozambique. God redirected our lives to stay in Zambia and closed the door to us to go to Mozambique.

LORIN

My name is Lorin Norris. I am the 3rd child of 7 children. I was born in Oregon to my parents Jeff and Nanci Klein. My parents were going to Berean Baptist Church. Pastor Charles Bray was the pastor at that time. My parents were called as missionaries to the Mapuche people of Argentina. When I was 7 I made a profession of faith but only did it because my big brother did it and I wanted to do it too, but when I turned 12 I realized that I wasn't a true child of God but a fake one. So under the preaching of Pastor Bob Gray Senior (one of the last few messages that he preached) the Lord reached down and grabbed me and showed me that I needed him as my Savior and that I needed to be done with this 'show'. So I called upon him and He saved me. About 4 months later I got baptized by my dad.

We went through deputation and in 2008 we were finally able to go to the mission field. While on the mission field I graduated from high school June 3, 2011. We served in Argentina for about 4 years during which time we got a few small house churches started, then my Dad's mom had a heart attack and the doctors said that she was not expected to live and that if we wanted to see her again we needed to come home. We all came back and were able to help out with my Gramma and she is doing very well.

We used the time in the USA as a furlough, and that is when I met Tayler Norris and his family for the second time (we met the first time while we were on deputation). A few weeks later Tayler called my dad seeing if we could begin a relationship together. Soon we started courting, were engaged, and then married. We were married September 21, 2013. We have a one son Deacon who was born in September 2014, our daughter Eden was born May of 2016, our son Enoch was born in January of 2019, and our son Chandler was born in February of 2021.

DEACON

My name is Deacon. I was born in California. I trust Christ as my Savior when I was 6 years old. One Sunday morning after church I made the decision to trust Christ for my salvation when I came under conviction of my sin and understood my need of Christ.

EDEN SKYE

My Name is Eden, I was born in California too. I trusted Christ when I was 9, I had been asking my parents about salvation and why Christ had to die for almost a year. I was ready for bed when I finally understood what Salvation was and why I needed it. I trusted in Christ because I realized I was a sinner and I needed Jesus and the free gift he was offering to be through His Grace.

