

Reese Parfitt Family



Serving in
Papua New Guinea
and beyond

Introduction

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. (Isaiah 6:8)
God has opened the door for us to minister in Papua New Guinea and use our gifts to continue being Christ's witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth. What a privilege to serve Him!

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Our past experience gives a foundation for our future ministry plans, which include:

- Assist with local church planting efforts through **public ministry** and other outreach
- Develop relationships and witness to the **Chinese** population in Port Moresby, PNG
- Teach **singing school** to help Christians read music and sing with understanding
- Teach the **Bible in public schools** to reach the next generation of young people

Testimonies



Reese: I was privileged to grow up in a Christian home and to hear the Gospel from my youth. It was around age 4 that I repented of my sin and received eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. One night at home, I asked my older brother Elliott some questions about salvation; then I prayed and asked God to give me a new, clean heart. What a blessing that our merciful God so freely offers this pardon to all!

Stacy: I also grew up in a wonderful Christian family. One day when I was about 6 years old, my sister Kellie shared the truth of the Gospel with me, and I repented of my sin and accepted God's free gift of salvation. I can clearly remember the great joy I had in my heart after I got saved. From then on, it has been my joy to serve with my family in my local church and gain experience in various ministries. I was content at home, and willing for whatever work God would have for me. When Reese requested that I marry him, the Lord used 2 Timothy 1:7-9 to confirm in my heart that God's call for me is to follow Reese in this international ministry.



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Call to missions and preparation

Though neither of us grew up as missionary kids, it has been our special privilege to serve the Lord both at home and overseas as we grew up. When I (Reese) was young, the Lord used Acts 22:21 to speak to me about His call for my life: **"And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles."**

As God has led up to this point, "far hence" has included New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Mozambique, Belize, Moldova, and Honduras. The more places I visit, the more I see how great the worldwide need is! Stacy went on a trip to Greenland in 2014, and she has now been to PNG and Honduras with me.

My preparation for the foreign mission field began with the vision of my pastors and parents – the missions conference at Old Paths being a highlight of our year. My dad was a humble servant of the Lord who gave whole-heartedly to missions, and he began attending Bible institute to be further prepared to assist with ministry overseas someday after retiring. But God had other plans for how Dad would glorify Him: on December 14, 2010, while assisting a motorist on the side of the highway, he was struck by a car and passed away at the age of 46. What an adjustment for our family of 8 children! God used this experience to help prepare us to minister to others.



Since Dad's death, Philippians 2:22 has stood out to me. **"...that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel."** Timothy was able to serve with a faithful man in the absence of his earthly father. The Lord has given the opportunity for me to serve in my local church and travel with Pastor Jay Folk to several countries as I finished my Bible training, which has given valuable perspective for how we can use our unique gifts to support the work of the Lord in local churches near and far. Now God has opened the door for us to move to Port Moresby and serve at Morata Baptist Church with Pastor

Holmes Tako. He has pastored in Morata for over 20 years, and we're excited about helping with the church planting works being sent out to the surrounding regions.

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I'm so thankful to have been taught the word of God by my pastors and godly men in my home church, graduating from Upstate Bible Institute in May 2018. Stacy and I were married in July 2019, and we are now both graduates of Baptist Bible Translators Institute in Bowie, TX (baptisttranslators.com), where we received Advanced Missionary Training in language and culture acquisition. Even though I already speak Pidgin and Spanish, the linguistics studies will be a big help as we endeavor to learn Mandarin to reach the Chinese in Port Moresby with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



The Lord is doing an amazing work in PNG, and we are thankful to get to be a part! On past trips, I have gotten to teach Religious Instruction classes in public schools. Now the Department of Education is launching a program to make Bible one of the major school subjects (with the goal of building good character in their young



people), and 1 million English King James Bibles have been brought into the country for distribution into the hands of public school students (see bimi.org/png for the latest progress on this huge project)! There are countless religions and cults in PNG willing to give their interpretation of the Bible to these students... so whose word will go forth, God's or man's? **"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."** (1 Corinthians 16:9)

We are excited to see how the Lord has led us this far, and we pray that He will continue to use, teach, and guide us in His work. **"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."** (Proverbs 16:3) Will you please pray with us for our lives to be profitable to Him? **"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."** (Acts 20:24) To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

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Doctrinal Brief

We are independent Baptist and believe:

- Salvation by grace through repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ
- The King James Bible as the divinely preserved, perfect word of God in English, and the necessity of utmost care in order to not corrupt or change the word of God when translating into other languages
- Eternal security of every truly born-again believer
- The virgin birth of Jesus Christ
- The deity of Jesus Christ; Godhead of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- The church caught up before the tribulation, and the pre-millennial return of Christ to the earth
- The Gospel as the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- Literal six-day creation
- Separation of church and state
- The choice to call upon Christ for salvation is given to all, not just to a select group
- Hell is a literal place of everlasting fiery torment for the unsaved, and heaven is a place of everlasting bliss for the saved
- Baptism – immersion in water for an outward testimony of the inward operation of God – is not at all a part of salvation, but is an important step of obedience for a new Christian
- The Holy Spirit indwells and seals a believer at the moment of salvation, and His presence should be evidenced by His attributes (Gal. 5:22-23)
- Tongues biblically refer to languages that are spoken and understood by people

We would be glad to further discuss or clarify any of these points or others.

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Date: 11/07/2019

From: Pastor Joseph Cammilleri

Regarding: Reese and Stacy Parfitt, missionaries to PNG

Pastors,

It is with great joy that I recommend Reese and Stacy Parfitt for your missions support.

Reese has graduated from, and taught in our Bible Institute. Reese has participated in all aspects of church ministry, including public ministry. Reese has often filled our pulpit, in my absence. Reese excels in all aspects of good, godly Christian music. Reese has graduated from linguistics school, and is gifted in learning foreign languages. I believe he is working on his fourth language now. Reese has taken numerous missions trips across the globe. I have personally met national pastors in PNG who love and respect Reese. Reese is teachable and flexible, and I believe would work well with American missionaries also.

Stacy has visited the field with Reese, and I believe will be a great help and asset to the ministry in PNG.

Reese is a rare find. Please prayerfully consider supporting this family with your missions program, as I believe they will be a worthy investment.

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Thank You,

Pastor Joe Cammilleri

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RE: Reese & Stacy Parfitt, Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

Pastor:

Just a note of reference for Brother Reese & Sister Stacy Parfitt, missionaries to Papua New Guinea.

Sister Stacy grew up at the church here with her family. She is number four of the ten children which God has given to Brother Steve and Sister Cyndy Coy. The family has attended church here since the year 2000. In an age where pastor's hearts are often grieved with the way that Christians dress (too short, too tight, etc.), Sister Stacy and her family have been a refreshing and faithful example of holiness and modesty. Sister Stacy and her family have also been a huge blessing in the matter of music. In an age where pastor's hearts are often grieved with the contemporary music that Christians try to bring into the church, Sister Stacy and her family have had a love for sacred hymns, and have had a large part in singing and playing special music for the church services, nursing home ministries, park ministries, and playing in the orchestra, etc. Sister Stacy has had a wonderful rapport with all ages: she has cared for the elderly widows by sitting with them and helping them in their homes: she has gotten along well with those of her own age; and she is also a favorite of the little children, being willing to get right down and play with them. Her warm smile and humble spirit has resulted in her name being often requested for many different ministries. Whatever task Sister Stacy has been asked to do, whether it is decorating a cake for a special occasion, or painting the nursery wall with animals, or teaching a Sunday School Class, she has served the Lord with all her heart.

The first time that I heard about Brother Reese's family, was when his dad was killed (you can read about it in gospel tract #TR-E-185, found at <https://libertygospeltracts.com/product/the-good-samaritan>). One of our missionaries in Africa contacted me and said, "Pray for me. I just lost one of my best friends back at my home church in New York. He stopped to help someone who went off the road, and in the process, he was hit by another car, and killed. This is a huge loss. He was a tremendous blessing to missionaries, and he gave very generously to the cause of missions." Upon hearing this, the Lord put it upon the heart of one of Sister Stacy's sisters, to start writing to Sister Parfitt, to try and encourage this widow in the Lord. Eventually, the Parfitt and Coy families traveled back and forth from Michigan to New York to see each other, and they became good friends. This gave Brother Reese the chance to observe the Coy family in these times together, and the Lord eventually moved him to start praying about whether he should enquire about Sister Stacy to be his wife. After two years of praying about this, he inquired through his pastor, and Brother Reese and Sister Stacy got engaged, and were then married. In my times seeing Brother Reese when they came to visit, he seemed like a diligent young man who wanted to do his best for the Lord, and to do the Lord's perfect will for his life. He had a good example of this to see in his dad, Ken Parfitt, before he went to be with the Lord. Brother Ken not only loved missionaries, he loved to be a missionary wherever he was: at work, on the street corner preaching or singing, or handing out tracts at special events, etc. Brother Reese could have used the death of his dad as an excuse to be bitter at God, but he did not. Brother Reese has chosen rather to rise up and serve the Lord with the same love and zeal that his father displayed. Brother Reese is out there preaching the gospel, singing the gospel, and handing out the gospel.

Please pray for Brother Reese and Sister Stacy as they continue their faithful journey for Christ that they started in their youth, and desire to now continue, as missionaries, until Jesus comes.

May the Lord richly bless you,
Brother Austin