Salvation and Testimony

I grew up in a Navyfamily, with both of my parents having served at some point. My parents were saved as teenagers, so I was raised in a semblance of a Christian home, but not one with the Bible as its foundation. We attended church, mostly only on Sunday mornings, until we were stationed in Ridgecrest, California. In 2007, as a six-year-old, I was led through a prayer of salvation by a Sunday school teacher in a church in North Carolina, but I did not understand sin, my need for salvation, or the Gospel. In 2010, as a nine-year-old, I realized that I had not believed in Jesus Christ, and I asked to talk to our pastor at that time, in California. Pastor Jason Heneise showed me in Scripture how I could be saved, and I called upon the name of the Lord for salvation.

In 2017, while at a church in Port Orchard, Washington, the youth group went to a youth camp during the summer, where God impressed on my heart a call to the mission field. I answered that call and continued searching for what God would have me do from that point. After my family moved to Munford, Tennessee, God led me to the Crown College, where I received a bachelor's degree in biblical studies, and where I met my wife, Naomi. During my time at the Crown College, God also placed a burden in my heart for New England, where we believe He is calling us to go now. After we graduated, Naomi and I got married on May 18, 2024, and we had our son, Joseph, on July 5, 2025. Since receiving my bachelor's degree, I have also received a master's degree in ministry and a master's degree in biblical studies. God has blessed my life abundantly, and I am grateful for the life that He gave me, the salvation He gifted me, and the ministry He called me to. I pray that my family and I can do much to further the spread of the Gospel of Christ.

Specific Call to Ministry:

God has called us to plant churches in New England, starting with Lowell, Massachusetts, a suburban city of Boston, with 115,000 people. 200 years ago, New England was the epicenter of Christianity and modern missions, but today, it is nearly spiritually vacant. We need a revitalization of this area that can only be done with the Gospel of Christ. Starting a church in this area would look like regular house Bible studies until a church body is formed and a location can be acquired, street preaching, setting a Bible study at the local college, and some humanitarian services where we could help the needy in the city.

How We Got Here:

God has worked in my life in tremendous ways since salvation, one of which is the ministry that He has called me to. When I was 16 years old (2017), God called me to the missions ministry, though I was not certain where that would lead. I simply surrendered to whatever God would have me do. My family moved to Tipton County, Tennessee in 2018, where we started attending First Baptist Church of Atoka (Pastor Freeman Weems III). That same year, the youth group took a missions trip to Maine to see Brother Brooke Suttle, which I had already met at a previous church in my childhood. God used that trip to stir a burden in my heart for the people of New England.

Throughout 2018 and 2019, God continued to work in my heart about the college that He wanted me to go to, and led me to the Crown College in Powell, Tennessee. There, I grew vastly in my understanding of God and His Word, and He also taught me much about the ministry. One of the biggest impressions that God made there was that ministry is a people ministry – meaning

that it is not just administration or mundane tasks, but really, it boils down to working with people and their souls. This idea was further enforced in returning to First Baptist Church of Atoka. That simple, yet profound truth changed my outlook on how the ministry operates. During my time at the Crown College, I worked in the bus ministry, low-income housing ministry, visitation ministry, Collegians for Christ (University of Tennessee), elementary ministry (Fairview Elementary School), middle school ministry (Temple Baptist Academy), and Teens for Christ (Carter High School). He also sent me on multiple missions ministry opportunities. In 2019, I went with the Crown College Choir to New York, where we sang and witnessed to thousands. In 2021, I visited the Boston area for a week and a half as a survey trip and to help with the VBS at Lifeline Baptist Church in Haverhill, MA (Pastor Chris DiGiacomo). In 2022, I interned at Lifeline Baptist Church for 4 months in the Summer. In 2023, I took a missions trip to Nepal for 5 weeks with a group from the Crown College. Since then, I have received my master of ministry and master of biblical studies, and worked in various ministries at my sending church.

My wife, Naomi (surname Carter), and I met at the Crown College in 2022, and we were married on May 18, 2024. Her home church was Faith Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina (Pastor J. Barry Goodman). We had our first child on July 5, 2025, Joseph Adams.

We are going on deputation in January 2026 to church plant in New England, specifically starting with Lowell, Massachusetts. We believe that God has called us to planting churches in the New England area. We also believe that God has called us to start in Lowell, a suburban city of Boston, with 115,000 people. Most of the population is either Catholic, progressive "Christian," or non-affiliated. It is our burden to go preach the Gospel to an area that has hundreds of thousands of people who have never heard it. How has the nation come to a place

that people in our own “one country under God” have never heard the Gospel of Christ? There are many physical needs and problems in Lowell, but our main priority is to revitalize the city and New England with the Gospel that has been so long forgotten in the area.

We hope that you will partner with us in prayer and financial support so that we can do the ministry that God has called us to do.

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to recommend Andrew Adams and his family to you and your church. Andrew studied with us at The Crown College from 2019 to 2023 and was a very dedicated student of the Word of God. Andrew has obtained not only a bachelor's degree but also completed the Master of Ministry and the Master of Biblical Studies programs. He has dedicated his life to learn and to proclaim God's Word and give the gospel to those who need it.

While studying at The Crown College, Andrew was actively involved in the bus ministry, door-to-door visitation in urban ministry, and worked very closely with a number of college students at the University of Tennessee pointing them to the Saviour. Each week, Andrew went into the public schools with our Teens for Christ program where he preached the gospel to high school students. He also taught the Word of God to young people in our local Fairview Elementary School and Temple Academy. I count Andrew as a dear friend, and as a member of the administration of The Crown College would highly recommend both your prayer and support for this young man and his family. Their desire to see a church established and thriving in the Northeast, a gospel-deprived area, is a serious burden for this young man and his wife. Please do all you can to support them prayerfully and financially.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. I would be more than happy to speak with you.

May God bless you,

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This document details our plans for the missions ministry in New England. To clarify, we are church-planting missionaries, called to preach the Gospel and plant multiple local New Testament churches. The plan for each church would be a duplicate plan as the ones before, though with nuances related to the community we are ministering to.

What is the goal?

1. Glorify God.
2. Preach the Gospel.
3. Plant a local New Testament church that preaches the truth of the Word of God.

Why New England?

Most of this question is answered in the explanation of my call to ministry.

New England is made up of 15 million people. About 4% is evangelical.

That just means they believe the Gospel of Christ.

"If you took a map of New England, a dart, and a blindfold, wherever the dart hit would need a church." – Chris DiGiacomo, pastor of Lifeline Baptist Church, Haverhill, MA

The area is now rooted in vain spiritualism, satanism, Catholicism, and atheism.

Many consider themselves intellectuals, but do not know the Word of God.

Where exactly are the Adams going?

Lowell, Massachusetts is a city in the Greater Boston Area of 115,000 people.

97% of them do not faithfully attend an evangelical church (any Gospel-preaching doctrine).

The area is filled with young people that are getting caught up in intellectualism, vain spiritualism, and crime because the Gospel is not being preached.

What are the Adams going to do in Lowell?

We will be canvassing both online and on the streets to let the community know that we are in Lowell.

We will knock on doors and put up flyers in apartment buildings to spread God's Word.

We will contact the local colleges and high schools to try to gain an entrance and start a ministry within the schools. A Bible Study ministry and/or sports ministry would be a great entrance into these schools.

We will attend the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce meetings, school district meetings, and city council meetings to see the needs of the community.

We will get involved in the community with community service, as time allots, to make a presence in a personal way.

We will try to connect with the Lowell Police Department and see if they would like a chaplain to assist in ride-alongs.

We will pray for and look for other opportunities to minister to the community as we see the fruition of God's work.

We will disciple church members to understand sound doctrine, to do the work of the ministry, and to teach others also.

We will pray for, look for, and train a qualified man from the area to take over the pastorate as we take the next steps.

How will the church operate?

Starting on week 2, we will begin holding Bible study services (3/week) out of our home or another Christian's home, if God blesses in that way.

If He blesses us with the ability to rent or buy property for the church, we would begin holding church services there.

We will train new converts to do the ministry of Christ alongside us, giving us more help in the ministry.

Once there is a group of baptized believers, we will organize the church, whether it is meeting in someone's home or in a commercial building.

We will sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, read Scripture, study God's Word, preach God's Word, and teach God's Word in church services.