

# Running with the Solution

David grew up in a nominally Catholic home where God was understood through tradition alone. However, as his traditions were ripped apart at the age of thirteen by the divorce of his parents, David sought after a relationship with God during an Assembly of God youth retreat. There at the altar, God not only met him but also called him to the mission field. Following this call, specifically to the people of Latin America, David pursued a missions degree at Central Bible College. He continued his education at AGTS, earning a Masters of Divinity. On the field in Mérida, Yucatán, David has applied his education, teaching both in the church and Bible Institute, while reaching out in practical ways to a culture that in many ways reflects his childhood experiences.



David finds joy in teaching others. He also enjoys a good cup of coffee and the fellowship experienced through sharing one. His great desire is to utilize his gifts and experience to meet needs and enable others to reach their potential.



Kelly was raised in the Methodist church, where there was also an emphasis on missions. Her call came in a similar way to David's – at an altar at the age of fourteen. As Kelly waited for God's call within her to mature, she attended Evangel College and became a high school math teacher. Her training has opened doors to speak into the lives of youth from junior high to college age.

With her love for building relationships and communication, Kelly has found pleasure in forming friendships with the women of the Yucatán. While her first calling is to her family, Kelly's unique qualities make her a vital partner with David in ministry.

David and Kelly brought together their calls to missions when they were married just after their sophomore year in college. As their family grew with the births of Rebekah, Joseph, and Jonathan, the couple continued to seek God's will for their family and God's timing for the realization of their call. After a visit from a missionary friend one night in May, 2003, God confirmed the call to Latin America in Dave's heart as if to say, "Now is the time."

Since that time God's travels have taken them through one year of language acquisition in Costa Rica and three years serving the people of the Mexican state of Yucatán and the surrounding region. And, although at times the labor has been arduous, their commitment to their calling and their love for the people remain as strong as ever.

