

What a great way to start the new year!

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What a great way to start the new year - with a wedding!

Introducing

Benjamin and Alexia Hoff

married 1.1.2019



We had a wonderful time on New Year's Day celebrating our oldest daughter Alexia's wedding to Ben Hoff! We've known Ben for quite a while and already love him! We are truly blessed that God provided such a godly, compassionate,

and fun-loving husband for our daughter. The wedding was held in a cute little barn venue which made for a very fun, intimate and joyful event! The newlyweds are now happily settling into married life in Salem.

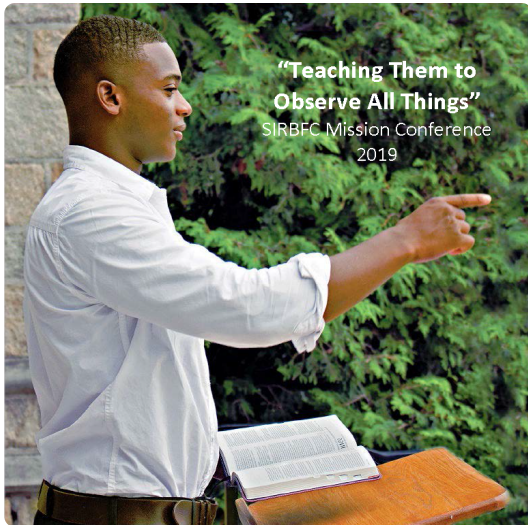
P.S. Fun fact - Alexia wore my wedding dress, which had been altered by my friend to remove the puffy sleeves and 6 ft. train from the '90s. She looked gorgeous in it!





After recovering from the excitement of the wedding, we are now refocusing our attention to our ministry efforts again. Since it is now 2019, our target date to go to the mission field is just 18 months away – Fall of 2020! We still have a lot to do to prepare! But we have had the opportunity to connect with several churches recently and are so grateful to report that God has blessed us with three new church partners! We have also had a number of friends commit to being monthly partners, which has now pushed us over the 25% mark. Praise the Lord for the building momentum!

We have a few specific goals for the next few months, and we would appreciate your prayers as we strive toward them:



We are excited to be participating in a missions conference which includes 9 churches in our local Treasure Valley area. The conference spans 3 weeks in the month of **February**, during which time we will be speaking in 4 different churches and participating in a number of other large group programs. Please pray for us as we prepare and present God's Word and our ministry in these churches.

In order to reach 50% monthly support by **June** (so we can attend the next phase of our training, called *Essential Mission Components*, in July), we need your help. Our goal for new partners by June is -->

**12 new partners @
\$100/month**
or
**24 new partners @
\$50/month**

The administrators of the blind school (Rory and Kristy Moore) have asked Jerald to come to Togo to help with some maintenance projects at the aquaponics center, so we are planning a two-week trip for Jerald and Nathan in mid-June. While there, Jerald will also be assessing the requirements for a solar system to reduce the cost of electricity for the system. Please pray for us as we plan the trip, and that someday a good solar system can be installed at the aquaponics center. If you would like to donate specifically toward this trip, please let us know.



A sincere thank you to all of you for your prayers and encouragement to us during the past year as we are beginning this new adventure in ministry. We pray that each one of you experiences God's special blessings for you in this New Year!

Jerald & Katie Touchstone

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Rom. 10:15).

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