

PROJECT SOUTHWEST EUROPE



PSWE IS A CHURCH-PLANTING EFFORT TO REACH SOUTHWEST EUROPE WITH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST



THE NEWTON FAMILY

God has called us to be church-planting missionaries to the country of Spain.
We are sent out of Vision Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, under the leadership of pastor Austin Gardner.



PREACHING



MUSIC MINISTRY



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TESTIMONIES

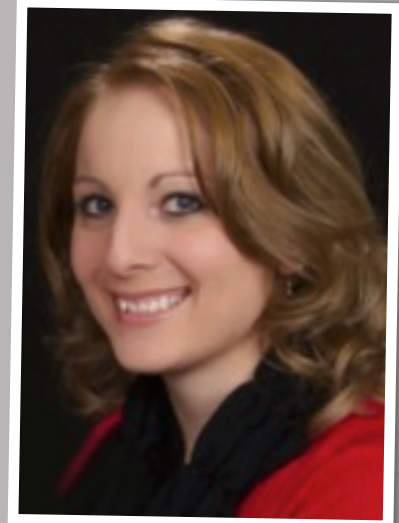
SCOTT'S TESTIMONY



I was born into a Christian family. When I was five years old, my family moved to Portugal to be church-planting missionaries. From age 5-17 I was privileged to grow up in a different culture, learn a new language, and watch God work in tremendous ways through my parents ministry. Although I heard the Gospel from a very young age, and having made a profession of faith at 4, it was not until I was 18 years old that I understood my true need for a Savior, and placed my trust in Him for my salvation. I knew that God had called me to preach the Gospel, and I returned to Portugal to study at the IBEV seminary, where I also worked in various church ministries. After graduating, my wife and I moved to Georgia where we would spend 3 years interning and training for the mission field under the mentoring of pastor and veteran missionary Austin Gardner. It was there that God confirmed His direction for our lives to reach SW Europe with the Gospel, working specifically in Barcelona, Spain.

MELISSA'S TESTIMONY

I was raised in a Christian home and had the opportunity to be in church all of my life. I personally received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of six. Through my teen years, the Lord put a burden on my heart for world-missions. Because of this, I studied Spanish in high-school, and spent six weeks in Peru with Bro. Austin Gardner. After we were married, I finished my studies in Portugal at the IBEV seminary, and got to experience life on the mission field first hand. I am so excited that God has allowed me to be the wife and help-meet of a missionary, and will follow him wherever God leads!



EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

Both Melissa and I completed bachelors degrees at IBEV seminary in December 2006

For the past three years, we have served faithfully at Vision Baptist Church. During this time, some of our ministries include:

- Teaching an adult Sunday School class
- Starting and developing a home-based Bible study geared toward discipleship
- Directing a chapter of Reformers Unanimous
- Leading choir and working in music ministries
- Teaching Bible college classes at the Our Generation Training Center
- Writing and directing evangelistic drama

We have seen people saved in our ministries, and have been involved in training and discipling people in our church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Pastor Austin Gardner, Vision Baptist Church

Dear Pastor,

Scott and Melissa Newton are two of the finest people that I know. I have had the privilege of being their pastor now for a little over 3 years!

Scott has experienced ministry here and on the mission field. As an MK he grew up in Portugal. There Scott gained valuable experience dealing with the cruel realities of learning and speaking a foreign language, dealing with culture shock, living in a foreign country, doing cross cultural evangelism, preaching, eating strange foods, etc.

Scott is a man of character. He is hard working, diligent, faithful, and hungry to be used of God. Scott not only has these characteristics but we have seen him work and grow and carry real responsibilities in the ministry here in his church.

He is prepared far beyond the average missionary to do the work that God has called him to do. Scott is a leader among his peers, and I believe will be greatly used of God in Spain.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider having Scott in your church and then supporting this very needy ministry. Spain, and especially the area of Catalonia, is a key country and in great need of the gospel if we want to impact the world and glorify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that Scott and Melissa will be a blessing to you and your church when he presents the work and even more so as we see him get to the mission field and begin the work that God has called him to do.

Thank you for whatever help you can give Scott as he prepares to go to Spain as a church planting missionary. I am honored to be their pastor and to serve God with them.

If you have any further questions about them, their character, their dedication, their preparation, or service please feel free to give me a call.

Yours to evangelize the world in our generation,
W. Austin Gardner
Matthew 6:33

Allen Newton, Missionary to Portugal

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage prayerful consideration of supporting Scott and Melissa as they go to Spain.

Scott grew up with us on the mission field in Portugal and has experienced first-hand the frustrations and joys of church planting in this part of the world. We always involved Scott and our other two children as much as possible in the ministry as children. As an older teen, Scott was very active in our ministry in the city of Albufeira in southern Portugal. He was instrumental in starting a vibrant teen program in the fledgling church there. He was privileged to see the transition from a mission work to an indigenous church. Later, after 3 years of Bible college, he and Melissa spent a year with us in a brand new pioneer work in Castelo Branco, getting in at the very beginning. During that time they studied in our Bible institute, helped refurbish the store front we use for services, helped with construction of our new camp property, helped with the music of the church, taught Sunday School, preached (Scott, of course) and were very active in encouraging believers and in soul-winning efforts.

Since they have been gone from here they have been very involved in their sending church and have continued their training there. They have grown greatly in their spiritual maturity and have a love for God and His work that I have rarely seen. They are both extremely hard workers and knowledgeable in the scriptures.

Scott's mother and I are very proud of Scott as our son, but also as a man of God. We see the same dedication in Melissa, and we want everyone to know that we believe in them. Any church who partners with them to see Spain evangelized will be getting the highest quality missionaries possible, burdened and prepared to make a real difference for the glory of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION & GOALS

VISION

Spain is a country desperately in need of evangelizing, bible-teaching churches. Spain, along with the rest of SW Europe, has little history of Gospel preaching in recent times, and has NEVER in its history seen a major Gospel movement affecting any significant portion of its population. The city of Barcelona is the capital Catalunya, with a

population of approx. 5 million souls, and is one of the most neglected areas in an already neglected country. We believe that God would have us to give our lives to lift up the name and message of Jesus Christ in this area, by planting churches, training national leadership, and saturating the area with the Gospel by all means available.

GOALS

Short-Term

- Language School (We want to learn both Spanish and the heart language of the majority of Barcelona's residents, Catalan)
- Total immersion into Catalan culture

Long Term

- Evangelize the Lost
- Establish Local Churches
- Equip National Leadership

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Bible - We believe that the BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD, and that it is divinely inspired. We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration, that it is the only complete and final revelation of the will of GOD to man, and the supreme, infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We use the King James Version for all teaching and preaching in English. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32

God - We believe in the Trinity, the unity of the Godhead. There are three persons: The FATHER, The SON, and The HOLY SPIRIT. They are equally perfect in every divine quality, and execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

(A) We believe in GOD the FATHER

(B) We believe in JESUS CHRIST

(C) We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT
Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6

The Father - We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Luke 10:21,22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; I Timothy 1:1,2; 2:5,6; I Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6

Jesus Christ - We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is God. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. Matthew 1:18-25;

Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9,10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3:16

The Holy Spirit - We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

John 14:16,17,26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26

Man - We believe that all men by nature, choice and practice are sinners, but that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We believe, therefore, that those who repent of their sins and by faith receive Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence, and those who refuse to receive Christ as Lord and Savior will be forever separated from God. John 3:14,16; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; II Thessalonians 1:9; Rev. 19:3,20; 20:10,14,15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9; John 3:16; John 1:13; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1

Eternal State - We believe in a literal Heaven, the eternal home of the redeemed. We believe Heaven to be the literal place where the saved will live forever in the eternal bliss and blessings of God. We believe in Hell, the Christ-less eternity for the lost, where there will be burning and tormenting for those

without salvation, who have refused to receive the gospel and Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe that Hell, unbelievers, Satan and all the fallen angels shall be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever and forever.

Matthew 13:41-43 Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

Salvation - We believe salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

Baptism - We believe in baptism by immersion after salvation with no merit for salvation in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit). We reject infant baptism and any form of sprinkling for infants or adults. Baptism is an outward expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and simply a public testimony of what God has done by His grace.

Romans 6:1-5; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 2:41; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19-20,24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

The Church - We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of professing, born-again believers in Jesus Christ, immersed on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that to those local churches we are committed, for perpetual observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2:42; Romans 6:3-5; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 10:23-25.

The Relationship between Church and State - We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions with each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other.

Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Acts 5:29; I Timothy 2:5; Romans 13:1-7; 14:7-9,12

Spiritual Gifts - We believe that spiritual gifts are given to the church for the express purpose of winning the lost and edifying other believers. The Holy Spirit is given to each believer upon acceptance of Christ and His purpose is to exalt and bring people to Christ. Speaking in tongues was the least important of these gifts and was given as a sign

for unbelieving Jews. We do not teach or practice speaking in tongues. John 7:37-39; 14:17; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 1:22; 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 12-14

Eternal Security - We believe in the eternal security of all blood-bought individuals or believers and that such inheritance is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that each believer is kept by the power of God and nothing can separate us from Him, ourselves included. We believe that believers can lose the joy of fellowship with God, can grieve God and can quench the Spirit of God in him or her, but not lose his/her salvation.

John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37-39; 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 1:6; Titus 1:2; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 John 5:11-13; Jude 24

World Evangelism - We believe that the apostolic office ceased with the death of the Apostles. We believe that it is His church that He promised continual existence, to continue the work He started until He comes again. We believe that the ministry of reconciliation is committed to every believer and all are saints/priests of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations.

Matthew 16:18; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10

Second Coming - We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ in the clouds to take all saved people from the earth before the beginning of the Tribulation period. We believe in his bodily/visible return with his saints at the close of the Tribulation period to rule and reign for a thousand years on earth. We believe that unbelievers will face God and be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment according to their works, not for salvation, but for their proper and rightful places in the

lake of fire. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 4:1, Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20; Thessalonians 4:15; II Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 4:5; I Corinthians 15; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:4-6,11-15

Biblical Separation - We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God. II Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11; II Corinthians 6:14-7:1

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