

TESTIMONIES

"Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you..."

I Peter 3:15

SOME WORDS FROM ONES WHO WORSHIP AT BROADMAN



MIKE PUCKETT (born 1985;

pictured with wife, **KELLY**) Halfway through my undergraduate career, I met Jesus Christ for the first time. I knew of Him, but I did not know Him. I ran from Christ for nearly two decades. When I surrendered my life to Christ and His lordship, I felt a call to serve Him in some capacity. I became increasingly aware of how spiritually dark a college campus can be, as well as the overwhelming need for ministers/pastors/missionaries to these students.

I did my undergraduate degree at Appalachian State University in the mountains of Boone, North Carolina. At that time there were around 17,000 students with only around 1,000 professing faith in Christ and loyalty to any church or ministry of any kind. This campus is also well within the boundaries of the so-called *Bible-Belt*. The more I learned about this un-reached people-group, the more my heart broke for them and the more I felt God's leadership in my life pointing me to serve as a missionary to these people. I feel an even greater sense of God's leadership prompting me to minister on the campuses of Kent State University and University

of Akron. While the spiritual situation at Appalachian State University was dire, it is much worse at KSU and U of A. Combined, there are nearly 50,000 students and only a minimal number of ministries serving these students. The quantity of lost without Jesus Christ is almost overwhelming. The harvest is white and the greatest need is for workers in these fields. I unquestionably believe that God has called me to serve as a worker in these fields. I want nothing more than to see college students come to faith in Christ and begin to serve Him as student missionaries on a mission field while they finish their degrees. The Lord has laid a vision on my heart not only to see students come to know Christ as their Savior, but to grow up into mature followers of Him and to define themselves based on Him.

College campuses are one of the biggest mission fields in the world and one of the most exciting, as they are the training grounds for the next generation of world leaders. As many Christian leaders have noted, if we reach the college campus, we reach the world.

