



Which country, outside of Africa, has the largest population of people of African descent?



600,000

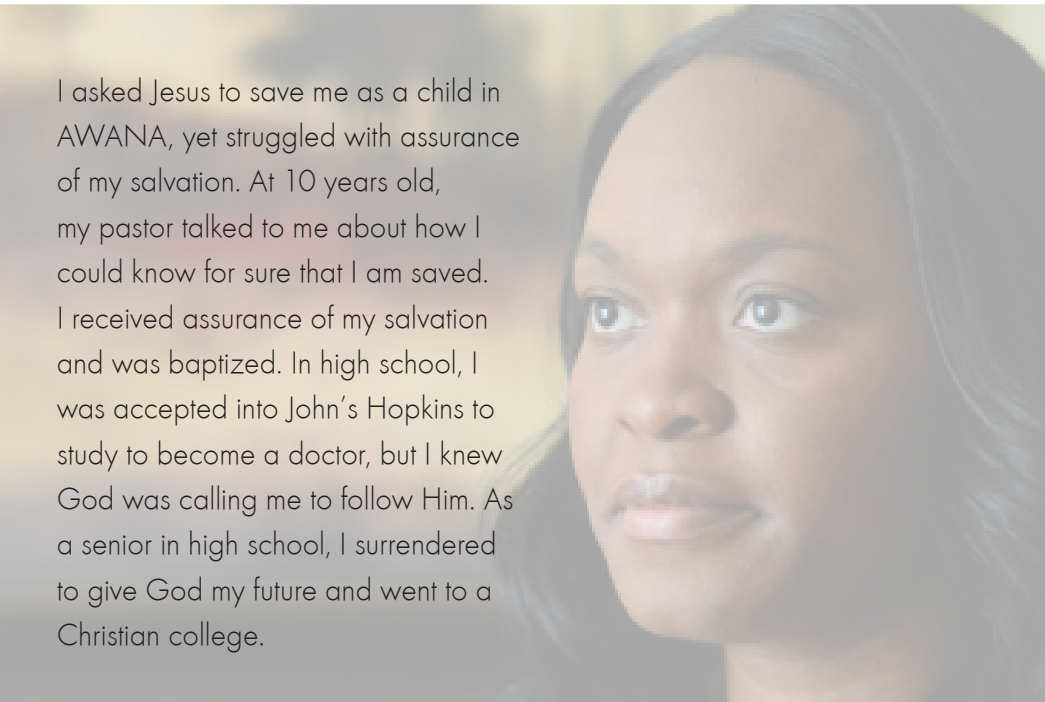
4,100,000

Many people do not realize that while the English imported 600,000 slaves into what would become the United States, Portugal imported more than 4,000,000 slaves into Brazil. Brazil was also the last nation in the Western Hemisphere to abolish slavery. Currently, there are no African-American church planters or missionaries working in Brazil.

African Slave Trade
1502-1815



My parents always told me that I was saved when I was young. One Sunday when I was 15, I recognized that I could not remember that time for myself. I bowed my head right there and received Jesus as my Saviour. A few weeks later I was baptized. At 16 years old, I was called to preach at a youth conference. God led me to attend Atlantic Baptist Bible College where I was able to learn and train for the ministry. Before calling us to Brazil, God allowed me to pastor the Berean Baptist Church for 7 years.



I asked Jesus to save me as a child in AWANA, yet struggled with assurance of my salvation. At 10 years old, my pastor talked to me about how I could know for sure that I am saved. I received assurance of my salvation and was baptized. In high school, I was accepted into John's Hopkins to study to become a doctor, but I knew God was calling me to follow Him. As a senior in high school, I surrendered to give God my future and went to a Christian college.

Leland Johnson

Education

- Piedmont Baptist Graduate School
Master of Arts in Biblical Studies
- Atlantic Baptist Bible College
Bachelor of Arts in Theology
- Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy



Service

- Pastor, Berean Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina
- Sunday School Teacher, Bible Baptist Church, Hopewell, Virginia
- Youth Leader, Harvest Baptist Church, Emporia, Virginia
- Technical Director, COEBA Conference, Crossroads Baptist Church

Naomi Johnson

Education

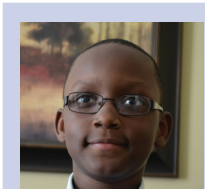
- Louisiana Baptist University
Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education
- Graduated ABeka Academy

Service

- Church Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, & Choir Member, Berean Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina
- Youth Helper, Harvest Baptist Church, Emporia, Virginia
- Choir, Crossroads Baptist Church, Bailey's Crossroads, Virginia
- Various other participatory roles, including visitation and soul winning, counseling, nursery, and church clean up

We were married by Pastor Lou Baldwin in July 2004.

TESTIMONIES AND SERVICE



I asked Jesus to come into my heart when I was six in my dad's office. I'm excited about being a missionary kid.

I got saved at our old house when I was five. I asked Jesus to save me. I love Jesus.



MISSION



Have you ever wondered how Paul did it? According to the book of Acts, Paul planted the church at Thessalonica in only three weeks before he was chased out of town! Yet, this church thrived and continued for many years. This seems strange when we consider how long it takes even an experienced church planter to plant a church. If we look closer, we find that when Paul left Thessalonica, he left Silas and Timothy behind and they rejoined him later. In Acts 19, we find that Paul sends Timothy and Erastus ahead of him, but only Timothy rejoins him later. Titus, Timothy, Erastus, Tychicus, Gaius, Aristarchus and others were all involved in this activity.



Our method will be to focus on reaching men as a priority in our very first church plant and throughout our ministry. By God's grace, we will not just build churches but establish a church planting team of nationals. We will "commit" our lives to "faithful men," and they will be able to "train others also." 2 Timothy 2:2

RECOMMENDATIONS

Doctrine is important! It only "divides" to the extent that God promised in Hebrews 4:12 - to separate truth from error.

Bible

Is the Preserved, Inspired, Inerrant Words of God. The Bible is the only rule for faith and practice. The Bible, Old and New Testaments, in its entirety is the revelation breathed out by God. (Psalm 138:2)

God

God is one God, yet exists in three separate, yet completely unified persons - God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All are equally and totally God. (Matthew 28:19)

Creation

God created the world out of nothing in six literal 24-hour periods. He sustains and is intimately involved in His creation even today. (Genesis 1-2)

Salvation

Salvation is based on the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is a free gift, given to all who will receive. Baptism is the first step of obedience after salvation. Speaking in tongues as evidence of salvation (or in general, as practiced by the Pentecostal church) is not Biblical. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Church

It is Christ's body made up of local, independent congregations, headed by the pastor. Each member is directly responsible to God for his spiritual state. God has given the church the responsibility of reaching the world with the Gospel. (Matthew 16:15-19)

In short, we are Fundamental, Independent, New Testament Baptist and not ashamed to be so. A full doctrinal statement with supporting Scripture is available on our website.

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It is with great honor that I recommend the Johnson family as missionaries to the field of Brazil. Having known them for many years, I am thrilled to see how God is going to use them.

Leland and Naomi are both products of Christian homes, and they grew up in this church and were active in the ministry as young people with servants' hearts. They were trained in Bible college and went on to serve in several different churches as faithful laypeople before Leland pastored for seven years. Recently, he felt the call of God to leave his comfort zone and step out by faith and follow God's leadership to reach the people in the country of Brazil. Suffice it to say, they are packed with ministry potential and experience. Brother Johnson is a go-getter who will strive for excellence while fulfilling the Great Commission, and his wife is a Godly woman who will serve as an invaluable asset to the ministry, as will their children.

We are privileged to send them out from Crossroads Baptist Church and eager to see them get to the field. I wholeheartedly recommend them as potential candidates for prayer and financial support and would ask for your prayerful consideration.

Dr. Kenny Baldwin, Pastor
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Dr. Lou Baldwin
Pastor Emeritus
Crossroads Baptist
Church

Brazil: Physically and Spiritually

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| Size | 8.4 million square miles (roughly the size of the continental USA) |
| Population | 202 million people |
| Government | Democratic Republic |
| Language | Portuguese |
| Largest City | São Paulo - 11.8 million |
| Currency | Brazilian Real |
| Largest Export | Iron Ore Coffee (largest in the world) |
| Climate | Tropical (However, it does get cold enough to snow in the southern regions.) |



The “Christ the Redeemer” statue is one of Brazil’s most famous landmarks. However, it overlooks a country that is more than 64% Catholic.

Unlike African-Americans who were influenced by Christianity in America, the Catholic church encouraged African-Brazilians to merge some practices of African spiritism with Catholicism.



Pentecostals have a significant foothold in Brazil with more than 10% of the population as adherents.



The Amazon Rainforest covers more than 40% of the country.



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