

# Meet Your Missionaries

Steve & Diana Smith

Serving with Kentucky Mountain Mission in Beattyville, KY

**Birth places:** Steve, St. Louis, MO.  
Diana, St. Louis, MO.

**Birthdays:** Steve, July 31  
Diana, June 17

**Hobbies, Interests:**  
Steve: Sports, old cars, music  
Diana: Landscaping, crafts,

**Children:** Angie, born 6-4-80  
Danny, born 12-11-81  
Paul, born 10-20-83

**Grandchildren:** Jack, born 6-29-03  
Stella, born 8-16-05  
Riley, born 10-5-08  
Grant, born 5-20-11

**Salvation age:** Diana 5 Steve 6

**Education:** Steve: Faith Christian Academy, Florissant, MO., Bachelors in automotive technology from LeTourneau College, Longview, Texas  
Diana: Faith Christian Academy, Florissant, MO.

## Testimonies:

Steve

I was raised in a Christian home, and grew up attending Hope Church with my family. I was saved at the age of 6 in a VBS meeting at Hope. I dedicated my life to the Lord as a young teenager at a Hope Church Camp. When I was 15 I went on a missions trip with a group from Hope to Kentucky, where we worked at the Sunshine Camp for the handicapped. I fell in love with the work, and went back the next year by myself for the whole summer. I continued to work there at the camp each summer through high school and college. After I graduated from college, Diana and I applied to KMM full time, and we were accepted and went to the field in October, 1979. As we look back on it today, we realize how the Lord led us at such a young age, and He has made it home for us, and the place where we were able to raise our family.

Diana

My parents were led to the assembly at Emmaus Bible Chapel in Ferguson, MO. early in their marriage where we as a family were nurtured in the Lord. I accepted Christ as Savior in a Sunday School class at age 5 and several years later made sure of that at home with my mother. Not only did I receive a wonderful foundation in my faith at Emmaus but was also enrolled in the BMA throughout my school years which has been a source of blessing throughout my life. I would say that Masokobi Bible Camp had a huge affect on my life and is where I made many life-changing decisions. Attending Faith Christian High School also had a big influence in directing me in my life. During a basketball competition that I was cheering for, we attended a revival service where I dedicated my life to serving the Lord in whatever capacity He had for me. I'm thankful for parents who prayed for a life partner for me. God brought Steve and I together in our senior year of high school.



His heart was dedicated to serving the Lord. Knowing that his heart was for service with KMM, I followed him into that work a year after we were married. Though it was tough to leave family, God gave me a love for the people and has given me many opportunities to use the talents and abilities He has equipped me with.

### **Kentucky Mountain Mission:**

KMM is located in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, where for over 60 years it has ministered in various ways, including church planting, community work, jail ministries, public school ministries, and Youth Haven Bible Camp. Lee County has been identified as one of the poorest counties in the country, and drug addiction has become one of the biggest problems we face. We minister to many children from broken homes and terrible home situations, and we seek to show them God's love.

We have both been very active in the ministries of Youth Haven Bible Camp for our entire career, where Steve has served as camp program director for over 10 years. He also is the maintenance director during the off season, where he, along with a co-worker is responsible for maintenance on the buildings, grounds and vehicles. Diana is the music director during the camping season, and is involved in much of the preparation for the camp program each year, including decorations, skits, music, etc. She is also the mission bookkeeper, usually spending 2 days a week in the mission office year around.

We also minister at Idamay Bible Church, where Steve works with the teens, and Diana works with the grade-school children. Steve also occasionally fills the pulpit at Idamay and in other mission churches when needed.

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