

Meet your Missionaries

Lee & Diana Whitworth,

Serving with Biblical Ministries Worldwide in Payson, Utah



BIRTHPLACE: Lee - Logan, Utah
Diana - E. St. Louis, MO

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: We love to make furniture, write, draw, read, hike, study, visit with missionaries and spend time with our kids.

CHILDREN: Lauren, Sydney, Kendra, Ali, Madeline, Claire, Caleb, and Olivia

Testimony:

Lee: I was born in Logan, UT, though was never a Mormon. Led to faith in Christ by a Biblical Ministries Worldwide (BMW) missionary in 1970, the missionaries of the Utah/Idaho field have been part of my life for 49 years. After graduating with a Sacred Music diploma from the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music (now Cornerstone University), I served in youth ministries near St. Louis.

Diana: I was born in E St Louis, IL, to Christian parents. I trusted Christ as a Kindergartener in Florissant. I also attended Grand Rapids School of Bible & Music, where I studied Christian Education. After graduating from GRSBM, I earned a Bachelors from Calvary Bible College in Bible & the Local Church.

We were married in O'Fallon MO in 1983 and joined BMW in 1985. We first helped to plant a church in southern Utah from '88-90, then moved to Payson Bible church, Payson UT in 1990. Lee has served as pastor of PBC, been a part of three camp startup and boards, and has been serving as Field Leader for the churches and the missionaries in UT/ID since 2008.

We have eight children, born from '89 to '03. Seven of them are daughters. Three are married and four remain at home. God has give us three grandchildren, with #4 on the way. We are thankful that our children serve God.

Our recreational interests are our children, hiking, writing and woodworking. Lee has written a few things. *High View* is a book for Mormons transitioning from the LDS church to a gospel-teaching church. *BOSS* is a new book for parents in homes where the kids are in charge. Diana, experienced as a homeschooling mother and pastor's wife, is an able speaker for women's groups and loves discipling one-on-one.

Ministry History:

During our time at Payson, we have seen days of grief and growth. God has been very kind to us, and we have seen many of all ages come to faith in Christ. The big goal that we pursued for about 15 years was to relocate our church to a new property. We now have that facility built and debt free on 2 acres of land, with a faithful core of families.

We wear three hats: Parenting eight children and continuing to stay connected with their new families. Pastoring Payson Bible Church. Field Leader for the 14 churches and radio station in Utah and Idaho.

Our time at Payson will end in September of 2017. At that point our church salary will end and we will be at 45% of needed mission support. We are taking brief trips to begin connecting with God's people now, and will be making larger ventures beginning in the Fall. After all, we still have to pay for five more weddings. A new chapter of serving this field on a deeper level begins then. Our duties will be: oversight of the 13 BMW churches in Utah, execution of field strategy, evangelizing, mentoring, preaching and teaching, leadership development, conflict resolution, writing, recruiting, establishing new church plants.

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