

The Wozniakian Call

It all started at the 1978 General Assembly when they announced the very first STEP trip. Phyllis immediately felt impressed to go. On that first trip she developed a heart for missions. The next two summers she went on missions trips to Ecuador and Honduras. On each trip her call to missions increased. Upon graduating from Lee University she was invited to teach at the Bible institute in the Dominican Republic. After her first year in the Dominican, we were married and spent seven fruitful years there.

I joined the missions club at Lee, because Phyllis was in it, and I liked her. I was called into missions by the associative property of mathematics—if A equals B then B equals A . My calling was confirmed by Phyllis' calling. There was no doubt that she was called to be a missionary, and if the Lord brought us together, then logic indicated I too must be called.

In 1999 on a short term mission's trip to Peru, we felt the burden and desire to return to full-time missions. The Lord used several things to confirm our calling—He supplied funds for us to come, He helped us sell our house, cars and furniture in two-month's time. He moved others to fast and pray for us. He touched our daughters making them willing to go.

In April of 2000, the COG Bible institute was reopened, where we served as directors. During our eight years of ministry in Peru, a total of 125 students graduated from our three-year program. Today 105 of them are working in full-time ministry.

In August of 2007 World Missions asked if we would pray about going to Colombia to start a Bible institute. At first we were somewhat reluctant, but after our first year in Colombia, we have no doubts it was the Lord who sent us here.

The opportunities for ministry in Colombia are overwhelming. We have preached and taught in churches, district and national conventions, youth camps and retreats. We hope to begin a resident Bible institute in August of 2009 to train new pastors and church planters. We also share the task of carrying sound biblical doctrine and ministerial training to those already active in ministry. We travel throughout the country teaching training seminars for pastors and leaders. The honor of equipping God's people for ministry is our greatest joy.