

Jacob Lee

There is a stirring of joy in my heart as I write this short biography. The Lord has been gracious to me in that, through Lifegate's Church leaders, I have received both the call from the Lord and the desire in my heart to heed the call to serve as Lifegate's Associate Pastor and Principal of Lifegate Christian School (see Philippians 2: 12-13). I see this as a grand privilege and a great responsibility. We are all completely dependent on the Lord's mercy and grace as we seek to serve in the sphere of Education and in the Body of Christ.

I know some of you well and others not so well. So I thought it would be good to give you a brief biographical sketch of God's works of providence in my life and thinking. I look forward to personally talking with each of you in order to fill in the gaps I don't have space to mention in this short life story. Most importantly, I look forward to hearing of the Lord's work in your lives!

In 1976 on a dusty, gravel road in Iowa, the Lord opened my eyes and granted me salvation unto eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ. The gift and object of my salvation was Jesus. At that point the direction of my life changed from a life of living unto death to a life of purpose and meaning wrapped up in the person of Jesus Christ. Shortly after my conversion I knew, in the depths of my heart, I was called to serve the Lord and this required further education (2 Timothy 2:15). I acquired, by God's grace, a voracious appetite for the Bible and Christian theological

books. Those who know me know I am a lover of books. I firmly believe the scriptures teach all Christians are called to serve (James 2:14-26) and in God's mind there is no distinction between the so called sacred and secular (Colossians 3:17).

I traveled 1250 miles away from my home, an Iowa farm, to attend Texas Lutheran University (at that time it was TLC). After one year there I was encouraged by Leonard Ravenhill to attend New Tribes Missionary Training School. Upon finishing at New Tribes, I returned to Seguin working in construction. Before long, I took a five week evangelistic trip throughout India. Soon after returning to Seguin, the Lord gave me my precious wife Carol who had grown up in India as a missionary kid. Currently Carol is serving the Lord as a Registered Nurse for those in Hospice care. Four months after we were married we returned to India for six months. In our last month there, our firstborn son, Joshua, was given to us. Being unable to secure a continuing Visa, we returned to Seguin and I continued in the construction trade. In the evenings I attended Hill Country Bible College. It was during this time the Lord gave us another gift, our second son Josiah.

I was able to build the house in which we are now living. My building skills have become a tremendous help in providing monetary income. These skills have also become a means of serving the Body of Christ. In December of 1984, I took on a full time position at Lifegate. I began my service as a coach, janitor, adult Sunday School teacher and helped in building additional facilities. I took a third evangelistic trip to India where I was able to minister the gospel to the remote Koya tribe. Since then I have also had

the great joy to go to Uganda for three weeks for an evangelistic expedition during the summer of 2006 and two weeks in December 2006. December 15th(2007)-January 1 I have the wonderful privilege to minister the gospel in Northern Uganda near the Sudan border as well as in Kampala and its surrounding villages once again.

In 1986 our third precious child, Anna, was born. While remaining on Lifegate's staff, I re-entered TLU. Four years later I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education specializing in History and Political Science. Since that time I have received state certifications in 6th-12th *Composite Social Studies* and *English as a Second Language*. From 1990 until 2002 I continued to serve at Lifegate in different roles for various amounts of time, e.g. teacher, coach, athletic director, janitor, involved in building projects, occasional Sunday morning preaching, Sunday school teacher and principal. Joshua and Josiah attended LCS from Kindergarten to graduation and Anna from Kindergarten to 10th grade. I am thankful for the truths which were poured into their lives through the many faithful servants of the Lord at Lifegate!

In the fall of 2002 Anna and I went to Nixon-Smiley CISD where I taught US History, Government, and Economics to juniors and seniors. Anna graduated from Nixon-Smiley in 2004. The two years there with her were very precious. We spent a great deal of time together and everlasting bonds were built between my daughter and me. While at Nixon I also served as head of the High School Social Studies department and was the 12th grade lead teacher during the 2005-2006 school year. In addition, I was a member of the *District Site* and *Gifted and Talented* Committees. I served

as a Jr. Historian sponsor. I also was a member of the *High School Teacher Leadership Team* which worked closely with the Principal. My time at N-S was very beneficial in furthering my educational training. I gained many friends there. As a bonus, I had wonderful opportunities to share the gospel with staff and students.

Currently I am in the process of receiving my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Covenant College (www.covenant.edu). Joshua graduated from Covenant in 2004 and graduated from Texas State University with a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy May 13th. He is currently working as a Physical Therapist at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center in Luling Texas. Josiah graduated from Covenant May 6th 2006 with an Accountings/Business-Finance major. He plans on seeking a CPA and is working for an auditing firm in Chattanooga. Anna is looking to graduate from Texas Lutheran University in May 2009 with a counseling degree. Education is very important to me and in particular Christian Education.

I have an exciting vision for Lifegate School! I envision the continued growth of LCS in terms of its understanding “the supremacy of Christ in all things” as paramount—most especially in education! I firmly believe that as Christian excellence in education continues to increase at LCS an ever broadening stream of Christians from our community and outside our community will seek to have their children attend LCS! I commit to serve and work hand in hand with the LCS staff and Education Committee to accomplish this goal. May the Lord grant us His grace and mercy as we seek excellence in education at LCS.

In my role as Associate Pastor, I commit to serve and help Pastor Bob Odom and the members of Lifegate Church. Over the years the Lord has confirmed that my particular niche in the Body of Christ is evangelism and teaching. Lord willing, I will be able to serve Lifegate members through these gifts of service. My vision for us at Lifegate Church is that each of us would have such a heart for Christ that we would find ourselves compelled, **daily (!)**, to share the gospel of Christ with the lost. The lost are perishing and will spend an eternity in hell unless they repent and trust Christ as their Savior! Each of us is called to “preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). I believe I am called to action in helping to lead the passionate pursuit of this goal. As Associate Pastor I desire to be a shepherd to Lifegate members. Because of this desire, I realize I must be a man of prayer and a diligent student of the Word of God. I ask that you “join together with me in agonizing prayer for me” that I may serve you in the compassion and strength of the Lord! Be assured I will be specifically praying for you!

May the Lord Jesus Christ be exalted through Lifegate Ministries!

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