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Biography

I grew up in a Christian home with parents who have both taught and modeled God's love for me throughout my life. I do not remember a specific time or date that I made a decision for Christ—it was just something that was always there. As C.S. Lewis said, "I may not remember the day I was born, but I know I am alive." I cannot name the day I took that first step, but I can certainly point to turning points along my faith walk.

God called me into teaching when I was a senior in high school. During my time at Asbury University (Kentucky), He cultivated a love for missions that led to several short-term missions trips. Through those experiences, God opened my heart for foreign missions, even though I never imagined He would call me to full-time work overseas.

However, during my first year of teaching in the U.S., God made it abundantly clear that, while I thought I was called to work in the American public school system, He had other plans. In September 2006, I moved to Tenwek Hospital in Kenya and promptly fell in love with teaching missionary kids. After I had spent two years at the Tenwek MK School, God brought me back to the U.S. for a season, but Kenya was never far from my mind.

In 2013, God finally led me back to my little classroom on the Kenyan hillside. I thought it was the beginning of a long-term calling, but God apparently had other plans. Near the end of the school year, we learned that my work permit would not be granted and any long-term plans to stay in Kenya were not going to work.

To say I was disappointed would be an understatement. I came back to the U.S., wondering what God was doing. However, He very quickly opened the door (and my heart) to [Uganda](#) and a variety of ministry opportunities there. I moved to the capital city of Kampala in the fall of 2015 and am working in [Community Health Empowerment](#) and providing educational support to homeschooling missionary families.