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Steve and Kristie Farnworth

Church Planting Specialist

FIELD

As a Church Planting Specialist for the Southwest, Steve is working to facilitate a church-planting movement in an area that includes southern Nevada, southern Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas. He'll be setting up church-planting prayer networks among pastors, helping devise local church-planting strategies, networking to connect needs with resources, and recruiting, training and coaching church planters.

FAITH

Steve's parents, fifth generation Mormons, came to faith in Christ as a result of a Baptist church plant meeting in a storefront just a few months before Steve was born. He was the first Farnworth born into a Christian home for many generations. As a five-year-old he remembers kneeling with his mother before the couch, and with simple childhood faith trusting in Christ alone for his salvation from sin.

Steve first felt called into ministry during a chapel service at Bible Camp as a junior higher. This call was reaffirmed as he attended Campus Crusade for Christ training and led Bible studies as a high school student, and later led youth ministry and preached as a member of a gospel team while in college. While a senior he began pastoring a church plant and remained as senior pastor for 8½ of his 30 plus years of pulpit ministry. Steve's last two pastorates were church plants.

Kristie is the youngest of four children born into a loving and highly educated home. While in high school, a classmate invited Kristie to youth events at a local evangelical church, where she heard the gospel and made a commitment of faith. However, it was not until she became active in a campus ministry while attending the University of Washington that Kristie really began the discipleship process.

As a young adult she was a member of the core group that became a church plant in the Seattle area. That experience lit a fire in her heart, and, years later, after meeting Steve and becoming his wife, she was thrilled to once again take part in a church-planting ministry, this time in Spokane, Washington.

FAMILY

Steve and Kristie met when, as a single mom, Kristie moved to Carnation, Washington, and began attending Carnation Bible Church. Steve, a single dad, was the senior pastor at that time. A year and a half later, Steve invited Kristie to lunch, beginning a deep friendship that, nearly four years later, led to their marriage on August 29, 1998.

Steve brought three children from his first marriage, as well as a niece he helped raise from the time she was three, into the relationship; Kristie added her two children, bringing the total to six, all of whom were born between 1971 and 1981. Steve and Kristie are also blessed with 15 beautiful and very active grandchildren.

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