



Jonathan & Hannah Romaine
✿ *Missionaries to Spain* ✿



When people talk about God perfectly preparing and uniquely creating them for their spouse, they are talking about couples like us. Hannah and I were both raised in Christian homes where we heard and accepted the gospel of Jesus Christ at young ages. The similarities of our upbringing do not stop there though. The military has been a big part of both of our lives. I have a long family history of military service dating back to the Civil War, and Hannah is the daughter of a Navy pilot. Of course we are different, but some interests we share include love of the outdoors, exercising, playing games, and meeting people. However, it was a God given passion for serving the Lord and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ that ultimately drew us together, creating a very deep bond.

When Hannah was a junior in high school, the Lord used an opportunity Hannah had to witness to a Catholic boy she was babysitting to show her she needed to be actively pursuing His purposes for her life. Hannah grew in her walk with the Lord during this time and even more while she was away at college pursuing her Bachelors in Exercise and Sport Science and Bible Minor at Cedarville University. While at Cedarville she was very involved in AWANA, campus discipleship ministries, and took several short term missions trips including ones to Bangladesh and Kosovo.

After high school, I served 6 years in the Air Force. The Lord gave me many opportunities for success in the military. I was a part of the security for the Presidential flying fleet and served at the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. During my travels around the world and while at home at my local church, I began growing in my Christian walk through the study of his word and being involved at church. As I grew, the Lord began to open my eyes to missions and the great need for sound national churches to be planted abroad. In a step of obedience, I surrendered my life to full time missions, left the Air Force, and pursued Biblical instruction at Piedmont Baptist College. Hannah and I were married in June 2007, the summer before my junior year at Piedmont after Hannah graduated from Cedarville. Since then I have also obtained my Masters in Biblical Studies from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Virginia Beach.

We are members at Salem Baptist Church in Winston Salem. As a couple, we have been very involved in the ministries there and have grown spiritually as individuals under the sound teaching of godly men and in several leadership roles. I have been given several opportunities by Salem to experience and develop my leadership skills including teaching Sunday school and Sunday night small groups. In 2007 our pastor asked us to prayerfully consider leading the AWANA program at our church. We did and served as AWANA Commander and Secretary for 4 years during which we both really gained valuable experience in leadership and organization. We are still involved in AWANA as leaders. We are also involved in missions through our church. I took a construction mission trip with the church to Silva, Missouri in 2010 and as a couple we went to Papua New Guinea for a short term trip in 2007. Hannah is on the missions committee and leading the Women's Missionary Fellowship. We are thankful to be a part of a missions minded local church.

Since we were married in 2007, we have been praying about where the Lord would send us full time as a couple and with what mission board to join. God's timing is perfect and in February of 2011 He gave us tremendous peace about joining Baptist Mid Missions and we started the application process. After much prayer and wise counsel, we decided to take a survey trip in May 2011 to Spain and Malta after hearing of the great need for missionaries in these countries. Upon our return, Hannah and I knew God was calling us to Spain and He had provided us both with a peace to the very core of our being that can only come from Him and knowing His will. We are very excited and the word "eager" does not sufficiently describe the urgency we feel about getting to the field and starting to unfold God's will for us there to accomplish His eternal purposes and ultimate glory.