



Our Testimony by Evan and Kelly Francis

Kelly came from Taiwan to the United States in August 2001 to get her MBA degree in Accounting. Her plan was to get a Master's degree and become a CPA so that she could make pretty good money and become independent. During her 2nd year of studies God used some life events to draw her to Himself. She came to know the Lord on August 4th, 2002 in a Chinese church and was baptized one month after her salvation. Her life started changing as she grew in the Lord.

My wife and I met in the marketing class of our MBA program not too long after she got saved. I was studying for my MBA degree in Finance.

I did not know the Lord, and was attending a Catholic church while working for them as a keyboard accompanist. As Kelly and I became friends, I noticed she was different from any young lady I had ever met. She was pretty, kind, and conducted herself with graciousness. Little did I know, that Kelly had begun praying for me. As she did, a flyer was left on her door about an independent Baptist Church plant in the city where she lived. She used it as an opportunity to bring me to church, and six months later I got saved. As I began to grow, I started witnessing with my Pastor, and praying that God would direct my path to what He wanted me to do. God revealed to me that the young lady that was instrumental in bringing me to church, where I would hear the Gospel and receive Christ as my Saviour, was also to become my wife.

On Feb. 26th 2005 Kelly and I were married.

From there, we both pursued our careers. I began working as a financial planner for a bank in Fremont, and Kelly worked as an accountant while studying for her CPA. We bought a condominium and began to plan our lives together. Everything was on track, but The Lord continued to work on our hearts about service.

In 2007 the Lord led us to Raleigh, North Carolina, a place we had never been. When we packed up the van and moved across the country we were very excited at the opportunity to join Lighthouse Baptist Church in furtherance of God's Ministry. Having never been outside of California for any extended period of time, I had my reservations, but through prayer and fasting God gave us peace and confidence in His Will. We found Lighthouse Baptist Church online one month before the church started, and were sure that this was where God wanted us to be. We were very excited and decided to quit our jobs and move out there.

Little did we know what God had in store for us. Within a short period of time God also laid it on our hearts to share The Gospel with the people of Taiwan, and to receive training, so that we could be better used of our Heavenly Father.

This Calling was confirmed in our hearts during a visit from a Missionary that we now support in Mexico. As God led us to North Carolina, the Calling to Taiwan came in similar fashion by the preaching of the Word of God. This time God gave with an undeniable burden for a people we've cared for, for some time. A burden not only for the lives of the Taiwanese people, but for their souls and to see God's Glory magnified among them.