

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date of Birth: May 12, 1957
Place of Birth: Jackson, Mississippi
Wife: Mary Phillips Sills
Children: Christopher Michael Sills
Molly Catherine Sills

Licensed to Ministry: Briarwood Drive Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, November 1986.

Ordained to Ministry: Briarwood Drive Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, July 1988.

Education: **Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies**
Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi
December 1988, *Summa Cum Laude*

Master of Divinity, Biblical Studies
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
May 1991, *Woodward Biblical Scholar*

INSTITUTO LENGUA ESPAÑOLA, SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA
Spanish Language Studies, June 1991-August 1992.

ESEPA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA
Systematic Theology Studies, 1992

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
Latin Language Studies, 1993

Doctor of Missiology
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi
June 1997

Doctor of Philosophy in Intercultural Studies
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi
May 2001, *Nelson Bell Missions Honors Scholar.*

Experience: *Pastor*, Lula Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, June 1988 to 1991.
Pastor of rural church of sixty members.

Missionary to Ecuador, International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. May 1991- October 1995
General Evangelist, Ambato, Ecuador, May 1991 to August 1993. Church planter and pastor among Highland Quichua Indians and developer of mestizo churches.
Professor and Academic Dean, Seminario Teológico Bautista del Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador, August 1992 to October 1995.
Classes taught: Old Testament, New Testament, Greek, Hebrew, Missions, Exegesis courses in Spanish. Additional duties: Interim Rector, handling all administrative matters.
Church Planter, Quito, Ecuador, August 1993 to October 1995. Developed area churches, planted new works, and taught basic doctrine classes.

Senior Pastor, Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, October 1995 to June 1999.

Adjunct Instructor, Biblical Studies and Spanish, Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, November 1998 to May 2001.
Classes taught: Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, Elementary Spanish, Intermediate Spanish, Spanish Culture, and Life and Teachings of Paul.

Adjunct Instructor, Bible and Practical Theology, Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi, January 2000 to May 2001.
Courses taught: Baptist Polity and English Exegesis of Hosea.

Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, May 2000 to June 2001. Founding pastor of a Baptist church plant.

President, Seminario Teológico Bautista del Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador, November 2000 to December 2002. All administrative duties pertinent to being president of a seminary system with three locations and four extension centers.

Missionary to Ecuador, Global Outreach International, Tupelo, Mississippi, June 2001 to December 2002. South America representative for Global Outreach, orientation of new missionaries, and traveling from Ecuador to teach in Nepal, Guyana, and the United States.

A.P. & Faye Stone Professor of Christian Missions and Cultural Anthropology, Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. January 2003 to present. Sampling of masters and doctoral level classes taught include: Introduction to Missiology, Intercultural

Communication, The Persecuted Church, Cultural Anthropology, Personal Evangelism, Church for the 21st Century, Christian Scriptures and the Practice of Ministry, Field Semester in Church Planting, Language Learning for Missionaries, Ethnographic Research and Worldview Identification, Issues in Orality, Personal Spiritual Disciplines, Philosophy & Methodology of Missions, Latin America Ministry.

Director, International Church Planting (2+2 and 2+3) Program, Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Fall 2003 to present. Develop course plans, rotation schedules, and manage student progress to degree completion.

Director, Doctor of Missiology Program, Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. January 2005 to present. Oversee program recruiting, prospective student interaction, and program approvals. Manage course offerings, student progress, and program requirements.

Director of Great Commission Ministries, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Spring 2005 to present. Develop strategy for all missions involvement of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; develop and approve strategic partnerships between the seminary and missions entities; serve as a point of contact between seminary, IMB, NAMB, and other missions entities; promote Billy Graham School's and seminary's involvement in missions; coordinate missions efforts of Great Commission Center and other SBTS entities involved in Great Commission activities; direct the Great Commission Council; organize Great Commission Week and other missions emphases; manage financial matters of the Great Commission Center; supervise administrative assistant and student associates of the Great Commission Center.

Associate Dean, International Missions, Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Fall 2011 to present. Facilitate development of Master's level missions coursework, course rotation schedule, and provide leadership to the international missions department.

Awards:

Summa Cum Laude, Belhaven College, December 1988

The Award in Biblical Studies, Belhaven College, 1988-89.

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, 1989.

Woodward Scholar, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1990.

Nelson Bell Missions Honors Scholar, Reformed Theological Seminary, 2000-01.

Board Membership:

Advisory Board, Journal of Global Missiology (Spanish/Portuguese)
Board of Directors, Children of Abraham Ministries
Board of Directors, Global Outreach International

Professional Associations:

Member, American Anthropological Association
Member, American Society of Missiology
Member, Association of Professors of Missiology
Member, Evangelical Missiological Society

Publications:

“Funeral in Ambato,” The Baptist Record, December 31, 1992

“A Comparative Study of the Three Major Religious Movements of the Highland Quichuas in Andean Ecuador from the Inca Conquest to the Present.” Doctoral Dissertation for Doctor of Missiology degree at Reformed Theological Seminary. June 1997.

Missionary Orientation and Training Program, Global Outreach International, 2000.

“Highland Quichuas: Discovering a Culturally Appropriate Pastoral Training Model.” Doctoral Dissertation for Doctor of Philosophy in Intercultural Studies at Reformed Theological Seminary. May 2001.

Quichuas de la Sierra: Descubriendo un modelo de adiestramiento pastoral culturalmente apropiado. Abya-Yala: Quito, Ecuador. 2002.

Capacitación Cultural en la Cultura Quichua. Abya-Yala: Quito, Ecuador. 2002

“Christianism: Catholic Syncretism in the New World,” Global Missiology. January 2004, Volume 1, Number 2.

“Training Leaders for the Majority World Church in the 21st Century,” Global Missiology. April 2004, Volume 1, Number 3.

“Making Disciples of Oral Learners,” Lausanne Occasional Paper #54, September 2004. (contributor)

The Challenge of the Great Commission. Pinnacle Publishers: Louisville, KY. 2005. (contributing author)

Making Disciples of Oral Learners. International Orality Network/Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization: Richmond, VA. 2005. (contributing author)

“How Shall They Hear?” Southern Baptist Journal of Theology, Winter 2005, Volume 9, Number 4.

“International Crime Victim,” Baptist Press, November 29, 2006.

“Can I Go to Heaven When I Die, Too?” Baptist Press, January 2, 2007.

“Hispanos Alcanzando al Mundo,” The Tie, Winter 2007.

“Not Forgotten” Baptist Press, March 5, 2007.

The Missionary Call: Find Your Place in God’s Plan for the World. Moody Publishers: Chicago, IL. 2008.

“Importing Brands or Training Genuine Disciples?” Towers, January 5, 2009.

“No Mere Mortals: Viewing People as God Does,” Towers, March 23, 2009.

“A Stream of Missional Consciousness,” Towers, May 4, 2009.

“Reclaiming Contextualization,” Baptist Press, June 3, 2009.

“A Stream of Missional Consciousness,” Baptist Press, June 18, 2009.

“Memorial Day-September 21, 2009,” Baptist Press, September 23, 2009.

Reaching and Teaching: The Task of International Missions. Moody Publishers: Chicago, IL. 2010.

"The Biblical Basis of Missions" and "Opportunities and Challenges in Global Missions" in *The HCSB Study Bible*, Jeremy Howard, ed. (Nashville: B&H Publishing Group), October 2010.

Introducción a la Misiología. (Louisville, Reaching & Teaching International Ministries), February 2011. (coauthor)

"The Call to Make Disciples" in *Theology and Practice of Mission*, Bruce Riley Ashford, ed. (Nashville: B&H Publishing Group) [publication forthcoming, September 2011].

“Islam in Latin America” Southern Baptist Journal of Theology, Summer 2011, Volume 15, Number 2. (coauthor)

Missions Presentations:

Evangelical Theological Society Regional Meeting held at Dallas Theological Seminary, Spring 1997. Presented paper on conversion among the Highland Quichua indigenous groups of Ecuador.

Grace Bible Conference, Beaumont, Texas, January 1998. "*Biblical Basis of Missions.*"

Seminario Teológico Bautista del Ecuador, Spiritual Emphasis Conference, May 1999. "*The Divine Call.*"

Seminario Teológico Bautista del Ecuador, *Exegesis of Revelation*, July 2000.

Ecuador Baptist Convention 2000 Annual Meeting keynote speaker, November 2000.

New Missionary Orientation and Training. Global Outreach International. Tupelo, MS, May 2000, October 2001.

Butwal, Nepal. Visiting Lecturer. *Homiletics for Baptist Ministers*, January 2002.

Parika, Guyana. Visiting Lecturer. *Old Testament Survey and Missiology*, November 2002.

Lima, Peru. Visiting Lecturer, Miami International Seminary. *Cultural Anthropology*, June 2003.

La Paz, Bolivia. Lecturer, Miami International Seminary. *Cultural Anthropology*, June 2003.

Lima, Peru. Visiting Lecturer, Miami International Seminary. *Missions Leadership*, June 2004.

La Paz, Bolivia. Lecturer, Miami International Seminary. *Missions Leadership*, June 2004.

Cochabamba, Bolivia. Lecturer, Miami International Seminary. *Missions Leadership*, June 2004.

Madrid, Spain. Visiting Lecturer, Seminario Teológico UEBE. *Intercultural Communication*, June 2005.

Caracas, Venezuela. Lecturer, Miami International Seminary. *Missions Leadership*, July 2005.

San Jose, Costa Rica. Chapel Speaker, Spanish Language Institute. *The Missionary Call*, July 2006.

Nazca, Peru. Lecturer, International Mission Board. *National Pastor Training*, December 2006.

Ogbomoso, Nigeria. Lecturer, Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, *Introduction to Missiology*, January 2007.

Harlingen, Texas. Lecturer, Center for Pioneer Church Planting, *Missions Leadership*, April 2007.

Nazca, Peru. Lecturer, International Mission Board. *National Pastor Training*, November 2007.

Harlingen, Texas. Lecturer, Center for Pioneer Church Planting, *Missions Leadership*, January 2008.

Evangelical Missiological Society Regional Meeting held at MidAmerica Baptist Theological Seminary, March 2008. Presentation: "Teaching Them: The Great Omission of the Great Commission."

San Jose, Costa Rica. Chapel Speaker, Spanish Language Institute. *Spiritual Emphasis Week*, July 2008.

Evangelical Missiological Society National Meeting held in Denver, CO, September 2008. Presentation: "Teaching Them: The Great Omission of the Great Commission"

Chicago, IL. Missions Conference Speaker, Moody Bible Institute, October, 2008.

Mexico City, Mexico. Lecturer, Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, *Introduction to Missiology*, December, 2008.

Harlingen, Texas. Lecturer, Center for Pioneer Church Planting, *Missions Leadership*, January 2009.

Mexico, City, Mexico. Lecturer, Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, *Intercultural Communication*, February 2009.

Lima, Peru. Trainer, REAP South/International Mission Board, *Summer Missions Orientation*, May 2009.

Nunavut, Canada. Ethnographic Research Leader, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary/North American Mission Board, *Ethnographic Research*, July 2009.

Mexico, City, Mexico. Lecturer, Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, *Cultural Anthropology*, February 2010.

Quito, Ecuador. Lecturer, Professors Abroad Program/Ecuadorian Baptist Theological Seminary, International Mission Board, August 2010.

Lima, Peru. Lecturer, MATSIL Program, International Mission Board, *Communication in Oral Cultures*, August 2010.

San Jose, Costa Rica. Chapel Speaker, Spanish Language Institute. *Spiritual Emphasis Week*, October 2010.

Huaraz, Peru. Lecturer, International Mission Board. *Regional Leadership Conference*, January 2011.

Harlingen, Texas. Lecturer, Center for Pioneer Church Planting, *Contextualization*, January 2011.

Taught, “Critical Contextualization” and “How Shall They Hear” and preached for the East Africa Cluster Annual General Meeting of the International Mission Board, Nairobi, Kenya, April 17-26, 2011.

Taught, “World Christian Discipleship” for Perspectives on the World Christian Movement and preached at various locations in the United Arab Emirates, May 6-15, 2011.

Mexico, City, Mexico. Lecturer, Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, *Cultural Anthropology*, January 2012.

Huaraz, Peru. Lecturer, International Mission Board. *Regional Leadership Conference*, January 2012.