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*Bringing the Living Water to a Dry and Thirsty Land*  
*Planting Churches In Tucson, Arizona*



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We serve a great God. He has been so good to my family and me. We have been blessed with great health and a lot of happiness in our wonderful home. I have been in full time ministry since 2005, but started preaching in 1994. I started preaching in nursing homes in Georgia. We have been on several mission trips. I have preached the Gospel in 6 different countries. The Lord has used us to witness to countless souls and we have seen many of them get saved and go into full-time ministry. During Bible college, with the Lord's help, we planted a Spanish church. We served 7 years in Mexico and planted 2 churches and served there until 2 gunmen attempted to kidnap my wife. As those doors closed, others opened. We started a new church plant here in Tucson, Arizona in 2012. Many folks have come and gone. I have seen many make professions of faith. I have baptized many, discipled them only to watch them later turn their backs on God and the church. As a pastor, I have seen and experienced many things that non-believers are capable of. We kept our heads held high and kept serving the Lord despite the ways unsaved people have treated us. It has not been easy for my family. Even Jesus says that there is a time to shake the dust from your sandals and move on.

For the last 6 years we have worked very hard to get Oasis Baptist Church up and running. We have found the culture here to be very Catholic, and the folks here refuse to be persuaded by the truth. My family and I have exhausted every idea we have to reach the community with the Gospel: Bible studies, Men's Prayer Breakfasts, First Responders Appreciation Breakfast, Vacation Bible School, Neighborhood Children out-reach, Addiction Programs, transporting men from the Rescue Mission and from the Primavera Men's Home to the church for preaching. Sharon has had countless hours of studying for ladies meetings only to have no one to show up. Each week she is ready for children's Sunday school, but the promises from those that say they are coming, never happen. We have knocked on untold number of doors and passed out innumerable invitations every week for 6 years only to still have a couple people show up for church. Our church is an English church in a very Hispanic culture. The culture here majors on addictions, sex, dishonesty, blame shifting and ungodliness. Many consider Tucson as a Sodom and Gomorrah. Many pastors have visited us and have said that we are doing what any other church planter would be doing to get a church going. It has been a real struggle for my wife and children to find true friends that have integrity. Our oldest son, Coby, has moved out and is living with a girl. Our hearts are broken. We pray daily that he will return to the Lord soon. No matter what you think of me, it can be no worse than what I think of myself. After much prayer, we have concluded to close the doors of the church and relocate to another area. After doing so, all the money of the church will be distributed to missionaries that the church supports.

Both Sharon and I started working to earn money due to a decrease in our monthly support. She has a contract as a kindergarten teacher through May, thus we will stay in the area ministering until then. I will continue to pastor as long as the folks come to the church.

We will officially resign from World Wide New Testament Baptist Mission on July 1st.

We will be anxiously awaiting for the Lord to open other doors for us to find ourselves busy again in the ministry. Meanwhile, we will find a place to settle and serve in a good local church.

I would like to heartily express our gratitude for all your financial and prayer support over the years. We covet your prayers as we relocate and find a good school and church. I am happy to answer any questions you might have. We are not bitter at anyone, and are very excited to see what the Lord brings our way.

## **Our Cup Runneth Over, We're Drinking From the Saucer, Your servants to Tucson, Arizona**

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