



*"For I know the plans I have for you,  
"declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and  
not to harm you, plans to give you hope and  
a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11*

**Background:** John was ordained as a minister through the Baptist Church in 2002. He served as a pastor for two years and then left this position to attend Seminary to work on his Master of Divinity degree. John also owned his own lawn care and landscaping business for more than six years. Before coming to Belize, John had done short term mission work in the States and in Africa.

Darlene received a BS degree in Psychology/Sociology and then worked for seven years as a Social Worker for the Department of Human Resources (DHR) in Alabama. She worked with abused and neglected children. She also trained and licensed Foster Parents.

**Our Mission:** *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20*

**Our Story:** We were married on October 10, 2003. We found one another rather late in life but we truly believe that it was only through the grace of God that we finally did find one another. Although, we were both raised in church and had accepted Christ at an early age, we didn't always follow Him as we should. Because of that, we both suffered the pain, the guilt and the scars of divorce. However, even though we had made wrong choices in the past, we both confessed those things to God and repented for the part that we played in those relationships. We were both determined to seek God first and allow Him to guide us to the mate that was intended for us.

### John's Testimony

When it comes to my testimony, I sometimes have a hard time putting into words all the things that the Lord has done for me and brought me through. I was fortunate to have godly parents that raised me in church and provided me with a Christian foundation on which to build my life. I accepted Christ when I was 13 years old but turned away later in my teen years. I always had to find my own way in my own time. I wasn't very good at following rules but enjoyed making my own.

My independence often caused me to make unwise decisions and to act in haste. I wasn't a bad person, just misguided. I wanted to make my own decisions and do my own thing without regard to the outcome. I wasted a lot of years trying to find my own way. I never could find the job I wanted even though I had a lot of good jobs. They never satisfied so I was always moving around from job to job. The same was happening in my relationships. I was never quite satisfied with anyone but the truth was, I was unhappy with myself. I was trying to find someone to make me happy instead of finding happiness in Christ and sharing that with the one that God had planned for me.

It took years of failures in every area of my life before I finally had no where to look but up. After a near death experience, and losing everything that was dear to me, I got down on my knees and surrendered my entire life to the will of God. I told Him I would do whatever He wanted me to do and go wherever He wanted me to go. I answered the call into the ministry in 1995 and since that time God has given me opportunities to share the gospel in many places. He has given me a godly woman to share my life with, who believes in me and trusts the Lord with all her heart. She is truly God's most precious gift outside of His son.

I could go on and on with all that God has done for me but I am afraid there is not space enough to include it all. Just suffice it to say, God has been faithful to me even when I was unfaithful. God has been good to me when I was not very good. God has seen me through when everyone else had given up (almost everyone, except mom and Mrs. Sarah). I feel as if I am the most fortunate person in the world. I have a Savior who loved me enough to die for me. I have a promise of eternal life through Christ and I have the privilege of serving God everyday here in Belize with the woman I love. What more could a man ask for?

### Darlene's Testimony

My name is Darlene Glasgow. I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of 12. At the age of 16, my parents divorced and it seemed that everything and everyone that I had trusted was now gone. Over the next 20 years, my walk with the Lord was from a distance. I tried desperately on my own to find the safety and security that my parent's divorce had stolen from me. I became emotionally dependent on others instead of depending on my Heavenly Father. I didn't understand that the peace, the safety and the security that I was searching for could only be found in Him. If only I could have seen that I just needed to draw close enough to walk in His shadow. One by one, the people I depended on were separated from me. My oldest daughter went away to college, my son decided to go live with his dad and I almost lost my middle child to drug addiction. I was forced to send her away for a year to a drug rehab program. I was alone and I had fallen so far from God that I wasn't sure if He could hear my desperate cries. It was only through the power and the protection of the Holy Spirit that I was able to find my way back to the Lord. At a time when I felt that all my plans had gone wrong, God reminded me of the promise He made in Jeremiah 29:11, "*For I know the plans I have for you,.... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" I knew that He had a perfect plan for my life if only I would submit to Him. Since that time, God has blessed me with Johnny, a wonderful godly husband. Each day, God reveals more and more of

His perfect plan for us. He has given us the opportunity to serve Him as missionaries in Belize and I look forward to what else He has planned for us. I have found what I was searching for. The only place that true peace, safety and security can be found is in the shadow of the Almighty God!!

