

Global Missions Service

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Stephen & Angelica

Merritt

Samoa/

American Samoa

Stephen received his call of God to become a missionary at the age of fourteen. Two years after this call Bennie and Pat Blunt, former missionaries to the island nation of Samoa, invited his pastor back to Samoa where he was to preach their national youth camp. His pastor invited Stephen to join him on this trip, introducing him to missions. In 2006 he enrolled at Gateway College of Evangelism, graduating in 2008 with an Associate Degree. He was approved on the AIM program in 2010 to the nation of Austria. He served there until late 2013 when he transferred to the Pacific Region to work in Samoa, with once again, Bennie and Pat Blunt.

In 2014 he was appointed as an Associate Missionary to New Zealand and in September 2017 he was appointed as an intermediate missionary. He was blessed to marry Angelica in 2019.

After visa complications in New Zealand the Merritts met the board and moved their appointment to Samoa/American Samoa in 2019. Arriving on site in early 2020 they arrived and were tasked with restarting the national Bible college. They have seen twenty students graduate with many more enrolled. They have started a new church in the city of Apia and are now running thirty-five to forty faithful members.

