

# MISSIONARY PROFILE

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## Stephen and Angelica Merritt

Intermediate Missionaries to

Samoa/American Samoa

Missionary # 187443

Transportation: Car

Who Is Traveling: Stephen and Angelica

**Stephen** was born on September 2nd. He speaks English only. His missionary involvement includes:

- teaching
- preaching
- evangelism

**Angelica** was born on May 11th. She speaks English only. Her missionary involvement includes:

- Bible school teaching and administration
- music director
- Sunday School teacher and director
- Ladies Ministry

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## Biography

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, were scheduled to minister on deputation at his home church, Cornerstone UPC, in Winchester, Virginia. Upon leaving that service they invited his pastor back to Samoa where he was to preach their national youth camp. His pastor invited him to join him on this trip which introduced him to missions. In 2006 he enrolled at Gateway College of Evangelism, graduating in 2008 with an Associate Degree. He was approved on the Associates In Missions program in 2010 to the nation of Austria serving with the

Robinettes. He served there until late 2013 when he transferred to the Pacific Region to work in Samoa as a Bible school teacher, 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 has assisted one of the national pastors, Wayen Goodare, in the further development of the South Island church in the city of Christchurch. He was elected as the South Island campus dean for the OIC GATS National Bible College of New Zealand. Later he was appointed as the National Youth President over both islands of New Zealand.

Stephen 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.

Their vision is to build a permanent brick and mortar national Bible college campus in Upolu and start remote campuses in Savaii and American Samoa.