

MISSIONARY PROFILE

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Lonnie and Damarys

Justin and Jackelyn

Intermediate Missionaries to Venezuela

Missionary # 988

Transportation: Car or van

Who Is Traveling: Entire family



Lonnie was born on March 16, 1975. He speaks English and Spanish fluently. His ministry involvement includes:

- preaching
- teaching
- evangelism
- church planting

Damarys was born on April 14, 1977. She speaks English and Spanish fluently. Her ministry involvement includes:

- teaching
- Sunday school
- children's ministry

Son **Justin**, December 30, 2002, speaks English and Spanish.

Daughter **Jackelyn**, born February 13, 2007, speaks English and Spanish.

Biography

Lonnie James Burton, the son of Lonnie R. and Gail Burton, arrived in Venezuela as a two and a half-year-old child and was raised on the field. He was youth pastor and

musician in Barcelona and in other churches in eastern Venezuela where his parents ministered.

He returned to the States when he was eighteen to attend Indiana Bible College, graduating in 1997. He returned to Venezuela the following fall as an AIMer, working in the Bible school in Valera, opening new works, and pastoring four churches. He married Damaris Martinez, whose father was a pastor and a sectional presbyter. Together they worked at the Bible school in administration and as teachers.

They received full missionary appointment to Venezuela in February 2004, traveled deputation 2006-2008, and arrived back on the field in November 2008. They were given immediate oversight of the Bible school in Valera. In four years of Bible school, they have seen over 230 students graduate and are as well pastoring a church. They also pastor a work in the Andes Mountains called La Puerta. Besides being involved in the education department of the church in Venezuela, they work with the missions department to establish more churches throughout the country.