



The Franklin Family
*Go, stand and speak in the temple
 to the people all the words of this life. Acts 5:20*

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CHRIST THE LEADER OF MY LIFE by Jordan Franklin



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As a missionary kid I have had the privilege and opportunity to serve God in many different environments. I have grown to trust Gods faithfulness and guidance for me and my family during our time in Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti and currently the Dominican Republic. After lots of prayer, I have felt led to Hardin Simmons where I will continue to trust in God's faithfulness in showing His plan and purpose for my life. Christ has been the leader of my life (Psalm 48:14) since 2003 when I accepted Him as my personal Savior at the age of 5. I was in Costa Rica at the time, with

my parents who were doing their internship. After attending my Sunday School class at our Church Sunday morning in San Jose, we went home where I asked my mom about receiving Christ. My mom took me in my grandma's room, pulled up a chair, and explained everything. Then and there I accepted Christ in my heart. Later, I was able to understand how to grow my relationship with the Lord by reading, studying, memorizing and living God's Word. Shortly after I got saved, my parents finished their internship and were led by the Lord to Cuba. In 3 short years, I was able to witness the planting and rapid growth of 4 Baptist Churches. This growth did not go unnoticed by the communistic government and Fidel Castro sent my dad to prison where they accused him of being CIA, politically subversive and counter revolutionary, during this time I was reminded of Matthew 28:20, "... lo I am with you always..." and Psalm 18:28 "My God turns my Darkness into Light". After one week of interrogations my family was forcibly deported. These hard and strange circumstances had a major impact on my life and my future decision to help those in under served communities outside the U.S. I was able to draw near to God (James 4:8a) during this time and had faith that God had a greater plan. After the Cuba incident, my parents were led by the Lord to the Dominican Republic. During this time my parents started the Bible Baptist Church of Tamboril, D.R and recently the Bible Baptist Church of Croix des Bouquet, Haiti. During this time, I was given the privilege for 2 years to teach 7-8 year olds in Sunday School and to be the director of the sound equipment at the Church. I also have been able to volunteer for several trips into Haiti after the earthquake to do construction projects, and helped start the Church there. Through all of this, I began to see the great need for others to understand their need for God in their lives and his plan and purpose for them. This exposure and experience has given me the desire to teach the Bible within a foreign culture to those who do not have the same opportunities or resources as we do in the United States. At Lift camp in 2014, I dedicated my life to serve him and would appreciate your prayers as I work each day on being a Christ-like leader at Hardin Simmons.



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