



Missionary Training at Bear Trap Ranch!

How do you prepare to be a missionary?

I believe that God has been preparing Deanne and me to serve as missionaries during our entire lives. For Deanne, this preparation included experiences while growing up in Brazil where her parents were OC missionaries, a summer mission trip to the Philippines in 1985, and college courses in inter-cultural studies at BIOLA. For me, my preparation included missionary biographies of David Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, and William Carey, attending Urbana '84, and a summer mission trip to the Philippines in 1986. Together, we participated in the missions candidate program at Grace Community Church and then served in a church plant while I finished seminary.

God continued to prepare us over the past seventeen years through planting and pastoring Lake Hills Church in Castaic, California, and partnering with the Missionary Church Western District to start new churches. God has used many joys and challenges to shape both of us for this role as missionaries to the U.S. All of the lessons, life-experiences, and loving relationships have helped prepare us to encourage, equip, and empower churches and leaders to start new churches.

While at Bear Trap Ranch for five weeks this summer, we shared our life stories, explored our strengths, and sought to understand how God has uniquely designed each of us. Dave and Deb Walker, OC missionaries who served in Japan, and now in Singapore, graciously encouraged and personally mentored us. We developed many friendships with other new missionaries, and deepened our relationship with David and Tara Malouf, teammates in the US. We also enjoyed connecting with Deanne's parents, Bill and Laurie Keyes (OC missionaries for over 40 years) who served as mentors.

I believe every Christian can be a missionary right where you live. Yet God sends some believers to go to a specific geographic area as missionaries. We are so excited to be serving God as your missionaries on OC's US Team. Since seminary, I've dreamed of training and coaching church planters—and that's what we are now able to do! Thank you for your prayers and support! Thank you for your love and encouragement!

20th Anniversary!

On August 22, 1987, Deanne and Dave were married! Our marriage has been filled with lots of challenges, great memories and God's blessings! Will you praise God with us for these past 20 years, and pray for us as we serve together as missionaries?

Now that we've completed our missionary training, we are intent on raising our remaining monthly support. Have you asked God if He wants you to support us? God is using individuals who are giving \$25, \$30, \$50, \$75 and more each month. We are praying that God will multiply our support in order to focus fully on the multiplication of disciples, leaders and churches.

Grace,

Missionary Kids

During our training in Colorado, Doug was touring for two weeks in Europe with the Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra. This was a fantastic experience in Italy, Austria and the Czech Republic.

When he returned home, he drove to South Dakota with two friends to participate in the YMF summer youth orchestra. Maddie, Deanne and I were able to see his final concert at Mount Rushmore. Amazing!

Maddie attended the Santa Clarita Ballet's summer workshop for two weeks and the Royal Academy of Dance intensive training at Cal State Long Beach for one week. Then she joined us at Bear Trap Ranch and connected with other missionary kids.

We are so grateful for these wonderful summer experiences!