

Greg & Vicki Syverson



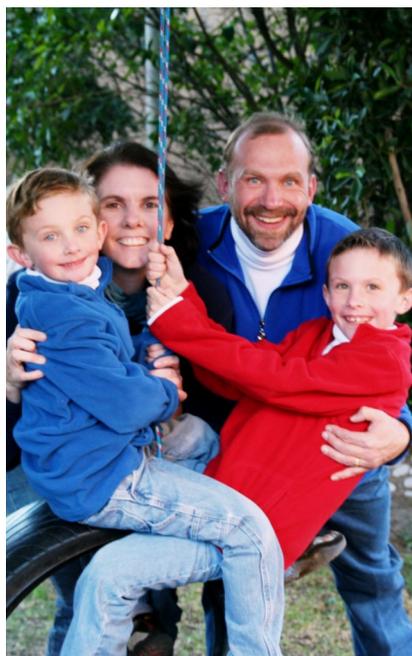
Greg was born and raised in Springfield, Illinois. He grew up in a Christian family and was **baptized at the age of 10**. **At age 19 he felt God's call on his life to be a missionary**. In order to prepare for the work God called him to, he attended **Judson College** in Elgin, Illinois and graduated in 1994 with a degree in Christian Religion and Philosophy. In 1992 he did a summer internship with a missionary in the Philippines.

Vicki was raised in Lindsay, California. **At age 14**, through the influence of a pastor giving her guitar lessons, she surrendered her life to Christ and **was baptized at First Baptist Church of Lindsay**. Shortly thereafter **she felt God's calling in her life to full-time missions**. She trained and served 10 months with **Youth With A Mission** and then returned home to begin college. She transferred to **Judson College** in Elgin, Illinois (where she met Greg) and graduated in 1992 with a degree in Youth Leadership. After graduation Vicki served 2 years working with a missionary family in South Africa.

Greg and Vicki were married in 1995. With God's help they quickly paid off their educational loans and begin praying for God to guide them to where He would have them serve.

In April 2004, the first of their two sons (**Benjamin**) was born in Mexico City.

Matthew was born in November of 2006.



Vicki, Greg, Matthew & Benjamin

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History of the Syverson Family ministry in Mexico...

In **1999** Greg and Vicki visited Pachuca and God planted in their hearts the desire to live and work among the poor. It was during that visit that the vision of an outreach center was born. After completing a one-year internship with Southland Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky Greg and Vicki moved to Guadalajara, Mexico to attend language school for eight months in June of **2001**.

In March of **2002** Greg and Vicki moved to Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico to begin their ministry. In **2003** construction for a community outreach center began in one of the poorest neighborhoods in



Pachuca. In **2004** they moved into a missionary apartment that was part of the community center. After several years serving in this community Greg and Vicki (along with two Mexican families) felt God leading them to start a new church to begin meeting in the community center building. On **May 17, 2009** “New Life Christian Church” (Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida) held their first worship service with 14 people in attendance. They have expanded the meeting space and remodeled several times, motivating the Syverson family to move out of the missionary apartment in September 2011 and begin renting in a separate residence. In 2013 the church was able to cover what was once a basketball court on the property to use as a larger (multi-purpose) meeting area. As of **August 2013** “New Life” has grown to a church averaging **130** adults in attendance on Sunday mornings and more meeting in cell groups during the week.

Greg and Vicki have served in many different roles through their years in Pachuca. They have been youth leaders, basketball/soccer coaches, cell group leaders, construction workers, English teachers, worship leader, preacher, evangelists, disciplers, leadership trainers, children’s workers, etc. God has given them a great love



for the Mexican people and a vision and desire to see God work in mighty ways to begin a **multiplier church planting movement** in Pachuca that will spread to other parts of Mexico, Latin America and the world.