

Biographical Sketch of Merv Wagner

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Devoted husband of one wife, Trudy Wagner
Loving Father of four children, grandfather of six.

B. A.- Carroll College, 1972

- Born in 1950, I came to know the Lord as my personal Savior while in 5th grade. I followed with believer's baptism.
- My spiritual growth during high school was slow and I depended on my parent's being there for my strength. When I attended college, I realized I was on my own and made bad choices. I became involved with worldly pleasures and put God on the back burner.
- I continued with those worldly pleasures after college and some into the early years of my marriage. After our first two children were born, I realized through reading God's Word and attending a fundamental church, I needed to be the spiritual leader in the home.
- My walk with the Lord has grown since that time, but I'm still learning to rely on Him for everything. I am the Treasurer of our church as well as being the Chairman of the Mission's Committee at our church, Edgemont Bible Church in Fairview Heights.
- I worked for close to 26 years with a major retail chain, which went through reorganization. Several months after coming out of reorganization, they started downsizing and I was part of that first group, which was a blessing. I had been traveling every week and this afforded me the opportunity to seek employment where I didn't travel so much.
- I have been involved with seven short-term mission trips: three to Brazil; three to Mexico, in different parts of the country; one to New Orleans; and in the planning process of one to Spain/Germany. These trips are a blessing and a time to stretch one's faith.
- My wife and I are involved in a weekly Bible Study with some wonderful neighbors.
- I love coming to work at Brookes Bible Institute and working with the staff. We meet regularly for prayer and share each other's burdens. What a joy to be able to do so. In addition to working at Brookes, I attend classes with the goal of obtaining my Associates degree.
- I enjoy running, playing basketball, collecting baseball memorabilia and spending time with my wife, children, and grandchildren. My wife and I enjoy traveling and two of the goals I would like to accomplish is to visit every major league ball park (so far I have been to 20 as well as several minor league parks) and to visit Israel.

In Christ,
Merv Wagner