

# BEN BARTHELEMY

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## EDUCATION

### Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

- Master of Divinity 2011-2016

### Moody Bible Institute

- BA in Biblical Studies 2006-2008

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## CERTIFICATIONS

### Christian Counseling & Education Foundation

- Formation Certificate 2022-2023
- Essentials in Biblical Counseling Certificate 2024

### Evangelical Free Church of America

- Licensure 2020

## EXPERIENCE

### Lecturer

Union Bible Institute 2017-Present

- Teaching a variety of classes including but not limited to the Pentateuch, OT Prophets, General Epistles, and Homiletics to undergraduate students
- Engaging in curriculum development
- Preaching regularly in chapel services
- Actively engaging in mentoring and small groups
- Contributing on various educational committees
- Chairing the Biblical Studies Department
- Leading local mission trips
- Helping to coordinate the distance learning program
- Facilitating the capstone program for graduating seniors

### Cross-Cultural Worker

The Evangelical Alliance Mission 2016-Present

- Working within the mission structure as a lecturer at the Union Bible Institute
- Fulfilling various administrative tasks for the mission
- Serving as the Interim Ministry Area Leader
- Served for numerous years on the Ministry Area Leadership Team
- Developed partnership relationships with supporting churches and individuals
- Participated in numerous discipleship initiatives with a variety of demographics

### Local Church Experience

2017-Present

- Church on the Ridge (2017-2019)
    - Preached on occasion
    - Taught children's Sunday school
    - Led a small group
  - Pietermaritzburg Community Church plant (2019-2022)
    - Contributed as part of a church-planting launch team
    - Participated as a member of the pastoral search committee
    - Led worship and preached on a rotational basis
    - Oversaw and taught children's Sunday School
  - Grace Generation Church (2023-present)
    - Initiated and currently leading the youth group
    - Preaching as part of a rotation
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# FAMILY BIO

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Hi there! Or, as we say in isiZulu, “Sanibonani!” For the past eight years, our family has been serving in South Africa at Union Bible Institute, where the vision is to “train up Christ-like servants leaders who are committed to Christ and His Great Commission.” It’s been a good season of life. We moved overseas right after my wife, Beth, and I finished seminary at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. It was a challenge to leave behind our families and culture, but it was also the culmination of many years of preparation. Beth and I met at Moody Bible Institute and got married in June of 2009, fairly quickly after graduation. During our time at Moody, we found that we both had a heart for international ministry. Seven years, three kids, and two graduate degrees later, God opened the door for us to serve in South Africa.

Since our initial move in 2016, God gave us our fourth daughter. In the picture above you’ll see Beth as well as Norah (11), Stella (10), Tess (8), and Ady (6). As you can imagine, our daughters are the best of friends and the worst of enemies (sometimes even within the same 5 minutes). Their zest for life overflows and, if you give them a chance, they will give you our family’s complete life story “rapid-fire” style. You’ll often find the girls creating in some way or off in an imaginary world. Some of our favorite things to do together include playing board games and reading books.

There’s a lot that has been challenging about living in South Africa, but it has been a good ministry fit for me in many ways. It has confirmed my desire for and enjoyment of teaching God’s Word. Lecturing through large sections of Scripture has been so valuable in helping me to better understand it. In our time here, I have also enjoyed serving on our TEAM leadership team, planning a preaching conference, and many preaching opportunities. As for Beth, though we hoped she would be more involved in local ministry of some kind, we quickly discovered that homeschooling our children was our only real educational option. She has definitely risen to the challenge and so her primary ministry has been to our children. However, she has found her niche in writing through various outlets and is actively involved in youth group, discipleship of female students at UBI, and has even written and taught a distance learning course for UBI.

As we look toward transitioning back to the States, we recognize that South Africa has and will always be a significant part of our story. It has been our first ministry assignment and where our kids have, thus far, spent the majority of their childhood. Yet, we also look forward to the opportunity to be back in our home culture, serving a local church, while being in closer proximity to our families.

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