



Brandon was adopted as an infant and raised in a godly home in the suburbs of Kansas City. After receiving Christ at a young age, he was baptized at the age of ten. His church emphasized missions by financially supporting dozens of missionaries and sending several missionaries to the field. When he was a teen, he felt God's call to go to the mission field. Upon graduating from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, he was to be a short-term missionary to Fiji, but shortly before his departure civil unrest hindered him from going. He then decided to return to Springfield and enroll in a Master of Divinity program. That was when he met Marci.



Marci was born and raised in Eldoret, Kenya. Her parents have served there as career missionaries since 1978, and one of their supporting churches is Brandon's home church. Marci accepted Christ at the age of eight and the next year was baptized. Being raised on the mission field gave her a unique perspective on the world and a passion for missions. She witnessed the brokenness of this world through tribal wars, famines, and the ever-presence of street kids high on drugs. But she also witnessed God's grace through protecting her family in dangerous situations and seeing thousands of Kenyans come to know and grow in Jesus. After graduating from an international boarding school in Kenya, she returned to the United States to attend Bible college and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Intercultural Studies and Bible.

Brandon and Marci first met in 2002 and married the next year. After their graduations in 2004, Brandon saw the value of leadership training and wanted to gain expertise to help train the next generation of church leaders. He went on to earn an advanced Master of Theology degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in the Chicago suburbs. Later, he earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. During those years of training, Brandon and Marci raised their family of three kids and often prayed about missions being the next step for them.

While finishing his doctoral studies, Brandon mentored under his local pastor and was ordained into gospel ministry by his church. His heart has always been for the church and her leaders, whether at home or overseas, so he taught as an adjunct instructor for Liberty University Online and also served as pastor of Herreid Baptist Church in South Dakota for several years.

A highlight each year as a pastor was the Missions Fest, when the church would invite an NAB missionary to come and share about their work in the field. Leading up to the Missions Fest in 2015, Brandon felt compelled to pray that God would call and send a cross-cultural missionary family from Herreid. Little did Brandon know that God would answer his prayer by sending his own family to the field. Marci was often inspired by her many friends from her international school in Kenya who were now serving as missionaries all over the world. She would pray constantly that God lead her family to answer the call to serve overseas. While Brandon was praying for Missions Fest, Marci discovered an opportunity within the NAB for their family to help train church leaders in Brazil.

In the summer of 2016, Brandon and Marci spent two weeks in Brazil. Brandon taught a seminary class at night and both of them had the privilege of visiting churches and church plants in the region, meeting their leaders. Upon returning home, they discerned God's call to the field and how He has equipped them both to serve as missionaries in Brazil, where they get to be a part of God's work raising up the next generation of church leaders there.

Birthdays:

Brandon: August 6

Daniel: June 7

Marci: October 10

Monica: August 10

Olivia: December 8

Anniversary:

August 18