

# Dr. Donald T. (Don) Dent

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I have been a disciple of Jesus Christ since 1971. God called me to missions in 1975. Since that time my passion has been impacting the nations that have never heard. My gifts are leading, teaching, and encouraging. As a missionary to Asia for 30 years, I served as a missions practitioner, leader, and trainer.

## **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

Doctor of Missiology, Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary. Dissertation: "The Ongoing Role of Apostles in Missions," 2009

Master of Divinity, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, 1982

Bachelor of Arts, Bible and Philosophy, Mississippi College, with honors, 1978

## **CREDENTIALS**

Licensed by First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, Mississippi, 1973

Ordained by First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, Mississippi, 1979

## **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

- Baker James Cauthen Professor of World Missions, Gateway Seminary, 2012 – present. My favorite classes include Intro to Missions, Mission Strategy and Paul, Missions and Spiritual Conflict, Global Worldviews, and Beyond Teams.
- Director, Kim School of Global Missions, Gateway Seminary, 2012 – 2021
- International Mission Board, South Asia Apprentice Program Director, Personnel Training Team, 2010 - 2012
- IMB, Missionary-In-Residence and Visiting Professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009
- IMB, Regional Leader, Pacific Rim, 2004 - 2008
- IMB, Regional Leader, Southeast Asia and Oceania, 1998 - 2004
- Foreign Mission Board, Field Associate Area Director, Southern Asia and the Pacific, 1994 -1998
- FMB, UPG Strategist, Indonesia, 1989 – 1994
- FMB, Urban Church Planter, Singapore, 1983 – 1989
- Associate BSU Director, Mississippi College, 1983
- Pastoral Intern, Tiburon Baptist Church, 1980 – 1982

- Youth Minister, International Baptist Church, Singapore, 1979
- Minister of Youth, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, MS, 1977 - 1978

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Kurban Agung* (Exalted Sacrifice) evangelistic tract, Indonesia, 1993. Reproduced in multiple countries around the world.
- *Isa Al Masih* (The Summarized Story of the True Life of Jesus the Messiah) booklet, Indonesia, 1994
- "Making It Stick," *EMQ* (April 2004)
- "Cross-Cultural Challenge," *EMQ* (July 2005)
- "Apostles Even Now," *Discovering the Mission of God*. Mission of God series, InterVarsity Press, 2012.
- "Decisive Discipleship: Why Rapid Discipleship is Preferable and How It Is Possible," *Global Missiology*, Oct. 2015
- *The Ongoing Role of Apostles in Missions*, Westbow Press, 2019
- In process - *Mishmash Missions*, a book about common misunderstandings of the mission task

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Academic Convocation, "*ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?*" IN *MISSIONAL AND BIBLICAL CONTEXT*, Gateway Seminary, 2019

## **OTHER MINISTRY**

- Led 15 workshops on missions or spiritual warfare at National Collegiate Weeks at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center and Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center
- Keynote speaker for Mississippi Student Annual Leadership Conference, 1998
- Keynote speaker and workshop leader for missionary gatherings in multiple countries
- Preached in hundreds of Southern Baptist churches, including these flagship churches:
  - FBC Jackson, MS
  - FBC Euless, TX
  - Jersey BC, Columbus, OH
  - Bell Shoals BC, Brandon, FL
  - Ingleside BC, Macon, GA
  - First Southern BC, Del City, OK

- Immanuel BC, Lexington, KY
  - Pleasant Valley, BC, Liberty, MO
  - FBC Concord, TN
  - FBC West Monroe, LA
  - Immanuel BC, Highland, CA
  - Hunter Street BC, Hoover, AL
- Church Planting Project Team Leader, California, 2016 – 2019
  - Interim pastor, Tiburon Baptist Church, 2015 - 2016

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- Born August 3, 1956; converted in December, 1971; called to ministry June, 1972; called to missions in July, 1975.
- Married to the former Anne Margaret Jones on November 18, 1978. Father of two adult children (Robert Jared Dent and Chesed Anne Fitzsimons) and Grandfather to one grandchild.

### **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

- I am an avid reader, mostly non-fiction books.
- I love the outdoors whether biking, hiking, hunting, fishing, camping, napping under a tree, etc.
- My favorite hobby in Southern California is kayak fishing for sharks. This involves a smaller boat but bigger fish than my boyhood dreams.