



**Biographical Sketch for Brian and Missy Wagner
Serving with the Evangelical Congregational Church and Africa Inland Mission
At Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya**

Both of us grew up in the EC Church. Missy's family was actively involved in St. Matthew's EC Church in Emmaus. Brian's dad is an EC pastor. Both of us accepted Christ as our Savior during childhood. During high school, our lives intersected at Lehigh County Christian Endeavor events and at Twin Pines where we both served on the summer staff for several years.

We both attended Messiah College where Brian graduated in 1990 with a BA in Mathematics and a PA Teaching Certificate. Missy graduated the following year with a BS in Elementary Education and a PA Teaching Certificate. We were married in May 1991 and lived in the Harrisburg area for the next six years. During that time, we were actively involved in the Wyndamere Heights EC Church in Lewisberry as youth leaders. Missy also served as organist for several years. We had the opportunity to lead youth mission trips to Jamaica and Kenya.

Prior to getting married, we both felt clearly called to missions and continued to work towards preparing to go to the mission field after we were married. Because of our background in teaching and our love of working with children, it seemed obvious that God was calling us to be involved in the education of missionary children. We used

these years to complete Master's degrees that would allow our teaching certifications to become "permanent". Brian completed a Masters in Mathematics at Penn State University and Missy completed a Masters in Reading and Language Arts at Millersville University.

In February 1997, we officially began preparations to move to Rift Valley Academy, a boarding school in Kenya primarily serving children of missionaries. God provided in great ways and we arrived at RVA as brand new missionaries in July 1997.

Since we have been at RVA, we have served in a wide variety of roles. For 11 years, our primary responsibility was that of dorm parents for the youngest group of boarding students in the 2nd through 4th grade dorm. Brian has regularly taught AP Calculus and has been the mathematics department chair. He has also served as the IT Manager and the Internal Coordinator for the Accreditation process. In more recent years, Missy has served as an ESL student support teacher, accompanist for the high school choir, and the Admissions Director for RVA. For the last few years, we have been heavily involved as staff sponsors for the Class of 2013.

Our three children have grown up knowing Kenya as their home. Rachel (1995) was born in Harrisburg but really has only known life in Africa, as we moved there when she was almost two. Both Hannah (1999) and Micah (2001) were born at the local hospital in Kijabe, Kenya. Except for furlough years, they have spent their entire lives in Kenya.

As we have consistently experienced God's faithfulness to our family, a key Bible verse for us has been:

Lamentations 3:22-24 "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.'"

We feel incredibly privileged to work with the students and the families of Rift Valley Academy. It is truly a unique place with fantastic students. Working at RVA allows us to impact the world for Christ as our involvement with their children supports the work of missionaries in more than 20 countries throughout Africa.

More information on Rift Valley Academy is available at the school website at <http://www.rva.org>. Current updates and other information on our family are available at our blog site <http://bwagner.aimsites.org>.