



## DUSTON

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### ABOUT THE DUSTONS:

Todd is the Director of Admissions for New Tribes Bible Institute, Jackson, MI. Kelley works with Todd as his secretary. His mission is to encourage and assist prospective NTBI students in order to see more missionaries trained to reach new tribes with the gospel.

Kelley was raised as a Missionary kid since age two and accepted Christ as Savior at the age of 5. She lived in Panama for two years. Later she graduated from New Tribes Bible Institute and Liberty University.

Todd trusted Christ his personal Savior at age 12 and became actively involved in the ministries of an Evangelical Free Church until he was 18. Todd graduated from Moody Bible Institute and Columbia Bible College and was challenged into missions on numerous short term trips to Africa, Mexico and Honduras. He was an associate member of NTM for a year in Senegal and then served as the Assistant Pastor at Leroy Community Chapel in '90-'91, during which time they were married. They then completed training with NTM and became full-time members where we have served for over 12 years in various support roles.

### RECENT UPDATES:

When Kelley and I were engaged to be married I went to Panama to visit her and her family. During our time there we visited the Kuna village of Morti where NTM missionaries had established a small church. Two years later 3 NTM missionaries were taken hostage from the Kuna village of Pucuro and were later killed. Due to ongoing security issues our missionaries have not been allowed to return to Purcuro since 1993. How would the handful of Kuna believers be doing after these many years? Has the tiny church there been able to grow, or has it fizzled out and died? Kelley's mom and dad recently read a letter from a Wycliffe missionary couple who are doing Kuna Bible translation from the capital, Panama City. Here are a few portions from that report: "January 5-10, 2009 a team of Kuna Indians from the 1st Kuna Baptist Church of Panama City traveled to the Kuna village of Pucuro to hold evangelistic meetings. This is what they found, "90% of the village of 600 are believers. There are 2 churches: 200 attend one church and 300 attend another. The buildings (thatched roofs and dirt floor) are jammed—they don't even have room for the children in the service. They meet out back in a separate area."

"We went to Purcuro to evangelize. All of us had prepared evangelistic messages. When we got there, we realized there was no need to evangelize. I taught the Bible for 1 1/2 hours at a time and they kept saying, "Don't stop! Keep sharing with us." They are so hungry for the Word of God!"

**NTBI Motto—Where Bible Education and Missions are One**

A progressive dinner, birthday parties and random dorm activities have one again provided many opportunities this semester to enjoy building relationships with students in our home. We praise the Lord for the great number of applications we have for the fall enrollment. We are currently working with 175 prospective students. WE presently have 30 more applications than we had last year at this same time.

We have hosted many visitors to our campus. When there are no vacancies in our guest rooms, we occasionally house the visitors in our home. Recently we had two families from Ontario come to visit us and the school. To help us with this ministry we have a married couple from Canada named Russell and Carley (pictured with the prospective student and his mom). Please pray for their medical bills for the delivery of their first baby to be taken care of . They were told their Canadian health coverage was valid even though they were in the U.S. as students, so they had the baby in Canada. However, they are now facing some snags and may need to pay the hospital bill.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Pray that all our students would be able to focus on their studies and finish this semester strong.
- Pray for our seniors to understand and follow God's leading in their lives for their next step
- Pray for more applications for the fall semester
- Pray for us as we try to connect with some unsaved spouses of couples in our church and also for the Wednesday Youth Group that I lead.
- Pray for the Saturday morning Bible study that Kelley co-leads.
- Pray for our continual spiritual growth and availability to the Lord to reach out to others.
- Pray that we will use our time wisely, and that our home will be a blessing to all who visit, and that our conversation will stir up laborers for the harvest. Continue to pray for finances for our students and our support level
- Pray that we would discern God's will regarding our kids schooling for next year. Though we continue at 30% of our recommended support level, God has met our needs and we thank Him!