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**Family:**

David (39) and Michelle (39) married for 8 years with two daughters, Vivian (5), Georgina (3 months), and one boy, David (3).

**Church:**

The Ealy family attends Gateway Bible Church in Gainesville, VA. We are active in both the Men's and Women's ministries. We feel Gateway will be our church home for quite a while.



**Narrative:**

I was born on April 24, 1969 in Clarksburg, WV. My parents are David R. Ealy and Karen Ann Ealy, both still living in Moundsville, WV. I grew up in Moundsville, WV. I was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Moundsville. I was confirmed there and committed my life to Christ at that time.

After high school I accepted a basketball scholarship at Fairmont State College. During my year and a half at Fairmont, I was introduced to The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I attend meetings and functions sporadically. This was the first time as an adult felt called or the need to be closer to Christ. When my athletic options ran their course at Fairmont, I transferred to Wheeling Jesuit College (now University) to continue my basketball career. It was at Wheeling Jesuit that I gained a broader and deeper understanding of Religion- with a big "R." The Jesuits instilled in me an appreciation for a holistic approach to self-awareness and at the least an understanding of Catholicism's place in Religion, literature and politics.

After graduating from Wheeling Jesuit, I took an internship in Tampa, FL, with Ryder Truck as a Safety manager. I spent 18 months in Tampa before accepting a promotion that would lead me to Albany, GA. During my time in Tampa, my need for Christ grew. As a young adult, I felt the need to fill a void in my life that education, sports or other things just seemed to fail to fill. I wondered from church to church in the Tampa area, but my prayer life began to grow during this period.

I spent 3 years in Albany, GA. I worked and focused on developing my career until even that was unsatisfying. I then applied to West Virginia University's Doctoral Technology Education Program and was accepted in 2004. While attending this program, I lived in Morgantown, WV, and found myself seeking Christ again as a result of a lack of interest in the ivory white tower of academia. It was at this time that I began to experience a need to investigate the bible on a personal level.

After graduating with a doctorate in 1999, I moved Fairfax, VA, and took a mid-level managerial position with a technology company.

I went on a blind date in 2000 and met my wife. We were married six months after our blind date. Michelle and I share a passion of Christ. Michelle Lee Ealy and I had Vivian, our first girl, in July of 2003. My life was changed forever...what a blessing. Michelle and I continued to mature in our walk with Christ and after attending several churches, decided to settle into Gateway Bible Church (GBC). GBC has been our home and rock ever since, we love the Lord and continue to be active in the ministries at GBC.

I learned as a result of my experience working with the kids at basketball camps, that I have a passion for teaching and children. It wasn't until I went on a short-term missions trip to Rwanda, that I learned, at least from a basic level, why God planted that desire in my heart. After my trip to Kigali, I committed to several different means of service. In the picture to the right, this is Jean and Jane. I'm happy to sponsor both children and visit on my trips to Kayonza. I look forward to expanding my sponsorship in the near future.



This brings us to today, here's a picture of David Jesse, Vivian Marie and Georgia Claire Ealy. This is a picture of Georgia's first meeting with her siblings. I'm so honored God has blessed me with a happy and healthy family. Sincerely, I thank God every day.



### **Conclusion:**

I consider it a tremendous honor to be considered for a position on the board for Africa New Life. I've made a commitment to that organization through my first two years of service, but am looking forward to see how God calls me to grow in this commitment. Again, I'm humbled and honored to be considered for the board.

For Him,  
David A. Ealy