

Meet David and Mary Boyd

In 1999, the national office of the Assemblies of God formed the national Children's Ministries Agency with BGMC becoming a part of this agency. David and Mary Boyd were asked to lead this newly formed agency. David served as the national CMA and BGMC director, and Mary served as the national BGMC coordinator. In 2007, BGMC became its own department under Church Ministries, and David is now the national director for BGMC. Mary remains the National BGMC Coordinator.



Prior to coming to the Assemblies of God national office in 1999, the Boyds were full-time children's pastors in three great churches for 17 years. Most recently, they were in Fort Myers, Florida, with Pastor Dan Betzer. The Boyds have been involved in Children's Ministries for over 30 years.

David and Mary are both graduates of North Central University. David has a B.S. in Pastoral Studies. Mary has a B.S. in Christian Education and an A.A. in Early Childhood Education. Both David and Mary also have their Master of Arts degrees in Theological Studies from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary.

All the children's ministries programs under the Boyds' supervision saw incredible growth. They have had as many as 320 volunteer workers under them at one time while staffing over 90 children's classes per week. All of the churches they were involved in also had bus ministries, with as many as 200 kids or more coming on the buses each week.

The main focus now for David and Mary is instilling a heart of compassion for missions in kids. They believe that kids can make a difference in the world through praying, giving, and being willing to go. Kids can be challenged to pray for missionaries, countries, and people groups. Kids can be challenged to sacrifice for missions so missionaries can have the supplies they need and so that the needs of those less fortunate are met. Kids can also be challenged to keep their hearts open to the call of God to be missionaries and to reach the world with the gospel message.

The Boyds use puppets, characters, gospel illusions, object lessons, ventriloquism, PowerPoint presentations, and more to present the gospel in creative ways. They also have a deep desire to see children filled with the Holy Spirit and have a deep walk and ministry with the Lord. The Boyds desire to see kids so spiritually strong that they will live for God their entire lives.

David and Mary have authored 20 children's ministries resource manuals on such topics as games, illusions, classroom discipline, clowning, skits, and materials on leading children into the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Their manuals have been translated into several languages around the world, including Spanish, Russian, Arabic, French, Thai, and Romanian. They have also written for numerous Assemblies of God publications and other curriculums.

The Boyds have been guest speakers at numerous conventions, retreats, camps, Pow-Wows, Powettes, and other children's ministry endeavors both here in the U. S. and around the world. They have a big heart for missions, training teachers, and touching the lives of children. David and Mary have also been to numerous countries in Asia, Africa, South America, Eurasia, and Europe teaching and training others in children's ministries.