

Emmanuel Sterlin's Bios

I was born in Port-au-Prince in Haiti. I attended the Institute Monfort for the Deaf located in my hometown since the age of 5.

After completing the academic program by the age of 17 I immigrated to the United States and began classes at the Lexington School for the Deaf which is located in Queen, N.Y.. It was difficult learning English and science but it was the history and math classes that I loved and excelled.

As a Junior I studied computer graph and data entry. It was during this period of my life that I attended the International Baptist Church (IBC) and on June 22, 1990 Wilson Nelson who is my best friend and also a member of the IBC introduced me to the Lord. I began attending church regularly and as of October 1991, became a Leader after completing a training class to be a soul winner.

During the spring campaign at the IBC which had a Deaf revival for a week. Dr. William Schutt who was a guest speaker preached a sermon called "Boomerang" which changed my life. This is when I became a servant to the Lord. It became my mission to introduce people to Christ. In October 1992 I was named the top soul winner campaigner. My theme was the "Fruit that Remain" which lead people to the Lord as part of our mentoring program and the church at IBC awarded me for faithful services and for introducing the most people to Christ.

After completing High School in 1993 I was not sure where to go to college. My adviser suggested the National Technology Institute for the Deaf located in Rochester N.Y. which had a program that suits my background in computer graphic and data entry however my former pastor at the IBC encourage me to "better to follow the Will of God than men". This is when Christ touched my heart, and I surrendered completely to the will of God.

This led to my decision to attend Hyles- Anderson College in August 1993. After many hours of classes I learned much about God which made me feel excited to be a servant to the Lord! I attended conferences every March for years at the Pastor School located in Hammond, Indiana. I learned even more. By the age of 21, I became a preacher. I also became a teacher and a Leader for the Bus ministry at First Baptist Church. I received an honor award from Dr. Schutt and members of the Deaf department for the top soul winner campaign.

When I received my college degree in September 1998, God called me to go to New York City to become a Deaf pastor at International Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Morgan. Since then the church has been growing and by our third year of service we have been blessed with over 400 Deaf members which also includes Hearing members.

During my fourth year, on October 6th 2002, the Lord lead me to found the Heritage Baptist Deaf Church located in Manhattan, NYC.

We achieved 11 years of service before I resigned due to personal reasons. I am now on my 4th year of service in the Village Deaf Church, which is located in Manhattan, NYC. I have traveled across the country, teaching, camping, and being a guest pastor at other churches.