# Dr. Joel Minto

# **TESTIMONY:**

I grew up in a Christian home and environment. My father was a Church Planter for the Conservative Baptist Convention. At the age of 6, I realized I was a sinner in need of a Savior and I accepted Jesus into my heart as my Savior and Lord. I was baptized by my father the next year. I had a normal childhood and teenage life until the age of 17 when I spent my Junior and Senior years in High Schools as a Child Evangelism Summer Missionary. It was during this time in my life that for the first time outside of a controlled Christian environment that I had to rely on the Lord for strength and wisdom in teaching 5, 6, and 7 year olds in 5 day clubs. God performed some miraculous things in those two summers and it was at this time that I felt God tugging at my heart to yield to full time ministry. Following my senior year in high school I went to The King's College in Briarcliff Manor New York, where I enrolled in a pre-med curriculum. I was active in several of the on campus ministries and was privileged to tour with a group known as The Carpenter's Shop. Once again the tug at my heart to yield to full time ministry was very strong. I left King's College in my senior year and enlisted in the United States Air Force and became an Air Traffic Controller. My first assignment was Wiesbaden Germany and my first introduction to foreign culture. All during my time in the Air Force I knew I was not where God wanted me to be and that persistent tugging continued. I served in various leadership positions wherever I was assigned and taught all grade levels from small children through senior adults. I served as an Elder in two of the Churches we attended, but the persistent tug continued. I left the Air Force after 16 years and went to work in the secular field. God has graciously allowed me to have a number of very stimulating and interesting jobs and looking back I see how he has used each of those experiences and jobs to mold me further for His service. In 2005 while serving as a Senior Adult Sunday School Teacher, God once again reminded me of all the times I had surrendered to full time service I am living proof of Proverbs 22:6. In 2007 I was licensed by Greenridge Baptist Church in Clarksburg Maryland to preach the gospel.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Doctorate in Biblical studies from Master's Divinity School.

1/89 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University FL-Daytona Beach

Masters of Aeronautical Science

5/79 University of Maryland MD- College Park

BS – Psychology

Overseas Campus Heidelberg, GE

9/69-6/71 The King's College, Briarcliff manor New York

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### **SECULAR EXPERIENCE:**

National Institutes of Health, Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, Office of Information Technology, Bethesda Maryland

8/07 to Present; Information Technology Specialist

Logical Technical Services, Health Services Division, MD-Bethesda

8/05 - 8/07

Operations Support Manager, Knowledge Management

SBC International Mission Board VA-Richmond

5/05 - 8/02

**Director Customer Relations** 

Beverly Enterprises AR-Fort Smith

6/01 - 2/02

Vice President IT Customer Services

Beverly Enterprises AR- Fort Smith

10/97 - 6/01

**Director Field Services** 

Booz, Allen and Hamilton VA-McLean

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Consultant

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America Online Inc. VA – Herndon

1/95 - 1/97

Training and Education Manager

IBM MD-Rockville

1/89 - 1/95

Manager of Tower Advanced Automation Systems Integrated Logic Support

Additional Info: USAF 1974 – 1989

Honorable discharge with rank of Captain

# **Christian Experience:**

God has graciously allowed me to be used in a variety of positions throughout my adult life. I have served on various church committees and have taught all age groups. I have been allowed to teach and preach at a number of the churches I have attended. In each of these assignments God has shaped and molded me to His service. I am currently licensed to preach the Gospel through Greenridge Baptist Church. Prior to returning to Maryland God allowed me to be on staff at the Southern Baptist Convention, International Mission Board. It was during this final preparation that I saw the dire need for Men and Women to submit to the call of full time service. I realized perhaps for the first time that time was short and very soon the Lord will return and that I needed to do what He had called me to do many years ago.