

## Nick Rogers bio interviewed by David Bledsoe



Nick was born in Warrensburg, MO on June 6, 1979. With his dad's continually changing military assignments, he attended school pretty much all over the country. In 1997, he graduated high school from Woodstock, CT's Woodstock Academy where his favorite subjects were shop woodworking, drafting and auto cad. In middle school, Nick played on the basketball team and in high school he played on golf team.

Along with his church youth group, Nick went on his first missions trip to Reynosa, Mexico for one week. It was an awesome experience and his first time out of the country. The group served in an orphanage showing God's love – it put a proper perspective on life at a very young age.

For an after school and summer job, Nick worked for his uncle shoveling manure and milking 200 jersey cows on the dairy farm in Massachusetts. He liked working with God's creation. He also worked for the Woodstock golf course. He sometimes ran the golf shop and played a lot of free golf. If they'd only known – Nick says he would have worked for free just for getting to play so much golf.

In 2001, Nick received his bachelor's degree in business administration and professional golf management from Fayetteville, NC's Methodist College. After being in the golf business at Nashville's Hillwood Country Club for 2 ½ years, Nick decided to make his hobby of mechanical work his career. He attended Nashville Auto Diesel College for two years receiving his diploma in 2005.

Since 2005, Nick has been employed with Thompson Machinery as a hydraulic specialist. He works on basically all types of Caterpillar and other construction equipment.

As Nick finds the time, he loves to play golf, ping pong and hiking with his wife at Radnor Lake or Percy Warner Park. He enjoys reading, mainly the bible, cooking ... anything bad for you – southern style, desserts – cheesecake, music – playing drums & guitar.

Nick met his wife Kelly at Brentwood Baptist Church in 2004. Nick came up and introduced himself to Kelly and her mom asking Kelly to go to bible study class with him the following weekend – she said yes. They went to dinner and a movie – about 3 months later, Kelly asked Nick to marry her – he said he would think about it. One year later, Nick proposed to Kelly in a hot air balloon about 500 ft over the Cool Springs

Target – she said yes. Ten minutes afterward, they experienced a controlled crash landing. About 6 months later, the couple married on March 4, 2006 at Brentwood Baptist Church where they are faithful members. They live in Franklin, TN. One of the highlights of their week is attending bible study/prayer meeting. They have a desperate desire to grow deeper and stronger in their walk with the Lord. They believe strongly in the power of prayer and the mentoring of other Godly men and women of faith. Nick and Kelly cherish the experience of seeing people accept the Lord Jesus as their savior.

While on furlough in January 2010, God stirred Nick's heart to a greater depth of service. He recalls reading James 2:17NIV, "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." Nick spoke with his church's community missions minister, Becky Gross and she connected Nick with Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County. His first day of service with Habitat was in mid January doing warehouse/trailer organization which seems to be Crew Leaders' least favorite thing to do. Nick quite often has to work on Saturdays. But when he has the opportunity, he very much enjoys volunteering his time to help provide Habitat partner families with decent affordable housing. Nick enjoys working with the volunteers, Crew Leaders, partner families and staff. He referred to Hebrews 3:4NIV, "For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything." Nick says **"God uses Habitat to serve His purpose and I consider it an honor to be a part of serving God's creation in this manner."**