



Personal Profile

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John Freshwater Biography

John Freshwater has been a science teacher at Mount Vernon Middle School (MVMS) in Ohio since 1987. He is the school's assistant coach in football and wrestling, and he has been the Fellowship of Christian Athletes cross club advisor for 17 years. Last year, Freshwater was awarded Teacher of the Year for the 2006-2007 school year.

Freshwater and his family have been part of Trinity Assembly of God in Mount Vernon for 18 years, and Freshwater has served as deacon for more than 10 years. He and his wife, Nancy, have actively planned and participated in both community outreaches and leadership projects as well as traveled around the world on mission projects. Nancy is currently the center director for Care Net Pregnancy Services in Mount Vernon—a Christian-based pregnancy center that helps women in unplanned pregnancies choose life.

In 1995, Freshwater took a leave of absence from MVMS to teach English in China, and his family was involved in leading many Chinese students to Christ. In the past 10 years, Freshwater has also traveled to Congo, Romania, and Honduras to build churches and assist in a Romanian orphanage.

Prior to teaching science in Mount Vernon, Freshwater was a science teacher in Ashton, Idaho for three years. He also has worked as a park ranger in Ohio and the Everglades Park Service in Florida and as a smoke jumper-fire fighter with the U.S. Forest Service in McCall, Idaho. Freshwater received his bachelor's degree in education from Ohio University.

The Freshwaters reside in Mount Vernon and have three children. Their oldest child, Luke, attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point before deciding to pursue a career as a physician assistant. He will attend Cedarville University in the fall while participating in an Army ROTC program. Their daughter Sarah is a student and member of the swim team at the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland, and their youngest daughter Jordan is an athlete and student at Mount Vernon High School.

More information about John Freshwater is available at www.bibleonthedesk.com and www.supportfreshwater.com.

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