

Russ Hodnett

Life has been very good to me. I was born in Modesto, CA, the third of eleven children. Our family seemed to be on a 7 year schedule. We moved across town when I was 7, and then to Arvada, CO (just west of Denver) when I was 14, and then back to Martinez, CA, when I was 21. I graduated from Arvada West High School, then went on to Brigham Young University, where I eventually graduated (after a two year detour to Uruguay and Paraguay doing missionary work) with a major in psychology, a minor in Spanish, a teaching certificate in secondary education, and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army through the ROTC program. I also was married just before my senior year at BYU. Sandy and I enjoy being the parents of 6 children and will celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary this year.

We spent most of my active duty commitment stationed near Stuttgart, Germany. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the German people and seeing much of Southern Germany and parts of Switzerland, Austria, and northern Italy. When we returned to the United States in 1978, we settled on the 7 acres I had purchased earlier in Mt. Aukum, here in El Dorado County. Every summer while a student, since I was 16, I had worked construction jobs, so we decided to build our own house. We bought a mobile home and moved it onto our property during the building process.

Meanwhile, I somehow ended up in the insurance business in the summer of 1979, and am very glad I did. I enjoy the challenge of helping people find the insurance plans or investment choices that best fit their needs, and I have met a lot of really nice people along the way. I also enjoy problem solving when something goes wrong, and seeing the smile on a client's face when we have arrived at a successful solution.

I enjoy many different sports, including running, tennis, mountain biking, swimming, etc. I also enjoy music, gardening, camping and hiking, and spending time with my family. Sandy and I especially enjoy our eight grandchildren. I have been actively involved in the Boy Scout program for many years, both as a scout and also as a leader. I look forward to getting to know and working with many more good people both through my work at Hodnett Insurance Services and other community and church activities.

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