

## **Pastor Saah Hali Biography**

Pastor Saah Manjoe Hali was born in Liberia, West Africa. At an early age, he experienced the hardships of the gruesome Liberian civil war. He witnessed youth and family members become members of various rebel factions. During this time, Hali realized how important youth are to society. His observation led to the conclusion that youth could change the world. Hali then began to develop a desire to invest in youth.

In 1992, Pastor Saah Hali trampled over dead bodies to leave war-torn Liberia for Ivory Coast, the neighboring country. After attempting to immigrate to the United States for two years, Saah and his siblings finally saw their breakthrough in 1994. Hali arrived in the United States and attended public school in Teaneck, New Jersey after not being in school for five years. Upon graduating from Teaneck High School, he earned a soccer and academic scholarship to attend Caldwell College. In 2006, Saah Hali graduated from Caldwell College with degrees in Secondary Education, Social Studies, and a minor in Psychology. The zeal to be more efficient in reaching youth of all backgrounds inspired Hali to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Intercultural Studies from Alliance Theological Seminary (ATS). He graduated from ATS in 2009. Pastor Hali is currently pursuing a second Masters of Arts in Education at the College of New Jersey.

Pastor Saah Hali's passion to impact youth is exemplified, as he is the youth pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack, New Jersey. Along with being a pastor, Hali is a seventh and eighth grade social studies teacher at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Teaneck. At Benjamin Franklin he serves as Advisor to the BF Achievers, a mentorship program for boys in grades six through eight that facilitates social and academic development. Hali's second passion is soccer. During the months of August through November, he coaches the Teaneck High School freshmen boys' soccer team. Pastor Hali is also the founder and president of Unity Alliance Inc., an organization that supports the spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of youth in the United States & West Africa. Pastor Saah Hali believes that, "the greatest investment one can make in life is in people because your return is eternal and you live forever."

Pastor Hali would love to connect with you so please contact him!

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