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## Carey Gossen

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M.A. in Christian Ministry,  
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Carey grew up on a farm in southwest Oklahoma and was privileged to be raised in a Christian home where biblical values were taught. He began a farming career during his high school years of dairying, farming wheat and cotton, and running stocker calves, along with being a part of his family's custom combining operation. Just out of high school he married the love of his life, Nettie, and she joined him in a life of agriculture which continued until the early 1990's.

The years of growing up in a Christian home and being actively involved in the small-town church in Corn, Oklahoma, plus the life lessons learned over the years of his farming career, set the stage for full time ministry.

After serving six years as a representative for Mennonite Mutual Aid (now Everence) in the state of Oklahoma, Carey felt called into the pastorate. He and Nettie moved to California for seminary, and then pastored small-town churches in Gettysburg, South Dakota, and Garden City, Kansas.

Over the years, he was known to make the comment: *Wouldn't it be awesome to be able to be involved with the ministry of RHMA.* That became a reality in 2012!

Carey and Nettie were married in 1975. They have two children and five grandchildren.

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