

WHO IS DAVID LOUIS SNEDDON?

- David Sneddon was born in Nebraska on May 3, 1980, the youngest son of Roy and Kathleen Sneddon. He has four brothers and six sisters. His parents were college professors at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) for 40 years while raising their family of eleven children (they recently retired to Utah after serving as missionaries in the Congo, but they maintain close Nebraska ties and are lifelong Husker Football fans.)
- David is an Eagle Scout, a skilled backpacker, trekker and general sports enthusiast. In High School, he was involved in musicals and sports. He won a "Most Improved" runner award in Cross Country and was a member of the select Swing Choir. He backpacked yearly with his family in Wyoming's Wind River Mountain Range wilderness in his youth.
- David attended his first year of college at age 17 at Brigham Young University (BYU) in Utah before embarking on two years of volunteer missionary service in Seoul, South Korea at age 19 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. David learned to speak Korean fluently and was chosen as a language trainer to help other missionaries.
- David returned to BYU to finish his Asian Languages degree (majoring in Chinese and business with a minor in Korean). He worked full-time in summer 2003 in Seoul, Korea for MultiLing, a language translation company, researching the South Korean market. David planned to study law and business administration and was preparing for his LSAT.
- David set out in summer 2004 to study abroad in China at Beijing's University of International Relations to further improve his Mandarin Chinese language skills and gain credit towards his planned spring 2005 graduation. From the time of his arrival in Beijing to his completion of summer classes, David kept in close and frequent contact with his family, friends, and business associates via e-mail, even while being a tourist.
- David's family and friends know David as a practical, considerate, deeply spiritual, conscientious, self-motivated and accomplished young man full of fun and zest for life. He loves the Lord Jesus Christ, the South Korean people, the outdoors, traveling, backpacking, Husker Football, ice hockey, and learning about other cultures. He has a strong work ethic and close relationships with his family, friends and colleagues.
- David is now 35 years old. He disappeared on August 14, 2004. He has been missing nearly 12 years. His family has never given up hope that he will return safely home. After years without news, starting in 2011 experts on North Korea and the Asian Underground Railroad made it known to David's family members that there are valid and credible reasons to believe David is most likely being held captive against his will by the North Korean government. Additional information supporting this likelihood continues to emerge and David's family are doing all possible to urge investigation.



David with his older brother Michael in 2001, in the Wind Rivers high above timberline on Lizard Head pass, enroute to Cirque of the Towers.

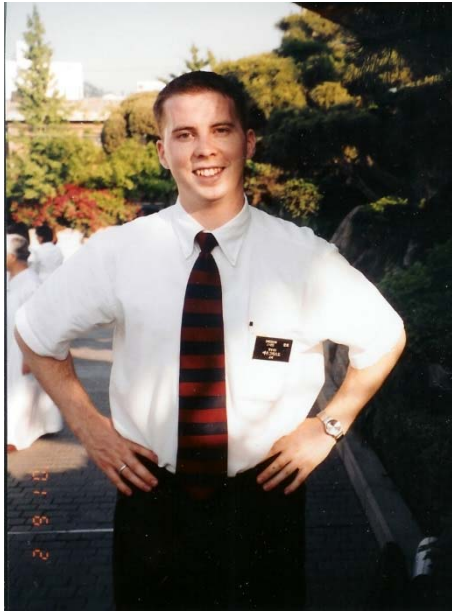
Carrying his shelter, food, and required equipment, David started at age eight backpacking every summer and logged hundreds of miles in the Rocky Mountains of Wyoming with family members.

David is an Eagle Scout and skilled outdoorsman who frequently hiked trails far more challenging than Tiger Leaping Gorge in Yunnan, China.



David participated in sports every chance he got. He often excelled both as an individual and as a team player. During the summer of 2004 when David studied Mandarin at Beijing University of International Relations he also played ice hockey at night. Although very mild-mannered by nature, he is intensely competitive as a hockey player. He also ran award-winning cross country in high school while growing up in Nebraska.





David's service as a missionary in South Korea awakened within him a love of the Asian people and their culture. He majored in Asian languages (major in Mandarin Chinese and minor in Korean) and planned graduate studies in international business and law. He was studying for his scheduled LSAT when he disappeared.

David is gifted in his ability to acquire language skills. He worked full-time in the summer of 2003 in Seoul, South Korea as the Korean Sales Representative of MultiLing Corporation owned by his brother Michael Sneddon. MultiLing is an international firm providing IP translation services for multinational companies such as Procter & Gamble, J&J, 3M, and Dell Computer. David planned to meet Michael for business meetings in Seoul after touring China for a few weeks when studies in Beijing were done. He never made it. His family traveled to China within weeks to try and find him.

David (far right) with his brothers. He comes from a close family. All four of his brothers came to China in 2005 to meet government officials and help in the continuing search to bring David back home.



The family of Roy and Kathleen Sneddon are shown below in a 1995 family portrait. The Sneddons believe the relationships in life of greatest and most lasting value are family relationships! Relationships where each child is loved, educated, and given moral training and excellent parental examples.

David loved people and firmly believed everyone can live an abundant life through education, moral living, dedicated work, and close family relationships.