

World Impact Missionaries

Our missionaries are some of the best and the brightest the Church has to offer.

One missionary, Susie, remembers, “I was getting ready to go to a baby shower four doors away when I heard loud gun shots and tires screeching. I looked out my window and saw the shooters fleeing in a stolen taxi cab that they had used in this drive-by shooting. I realized that this had happened at the baby shower, so I ran down the street. A bunch of guys, who were running from the house, yelled, “They killed JD.”

“When I got to the front steps, JD had been shot in the head and died instantly. I had to step over his dead body to get into the house. There was screaming and chaos; women on the floor had been hit. I had an adrenaline rush, but then I prayed. I knelt by one lady who had been shot in the leg; I prayed for her and held her.

“When the paramedics came, I took the kids, who had watched everything and were in shock, to our house. I helped them feel safe and calm, away from the screaming and the police, who were everywhere. We talked and prayed.

“This shooting underscored the reality of where we live. It does not happen every day, but I am thankful that I was there and that I could pray when people needed to feel God’s presence. The shooting didn’t scare me away; it endeared me more to the community.”

Susie, a young Korean-Canadian from a Vancouver suburb, felt God’s call to live and minister among America’s urban poor. For nine years, she has nurtured relationships in her neighborhood and made an incredible impact on hundreds of young people, like:

- Anarosa, who is majoring in neuroscience at **Wellesley College** in Massachusetts.
- Erron and Juana, who started a church where graduates of our high-school ministry worship.
- Sally, a pregnant teenager, who was given a surprise shower, taught about motherhood and cared for through delivery and the adjustments of raising a baby.

Urban teenagers are enrolling in colleges and universities, getting jobs, entering ministry, worshipping God and forming a strong light for Christ in the city. Some of the kids that were at that horrific baby shower now lead our youth ministry. There’s an amazing richness in living in the community and building deep relationships with the families.





Three years ago, Susie met Marcos at Fuller Seminary. They were married in 2010 and together they direct the youth and young-adult ministry at our Kaleo Teen Center.



Marcos grew up on the south side of Chicago with gang banging and drug dealing: “A lot of my cousins, who were in gangs and dealing, had been shot, killed or locked up. They were my role models; I wanted the respect on the street they had. I dropped out of high school because the gang violence became too life threatening for me.

“After the Lord saved me three times from being shot and killed, I no longer wanted to fight or talk smack. I reflected on where I would go after death. The Lord called me to come out from darkness to walk in His light. I apologized to my father for the violence that I brought to the home, and he prayed with me to receive the Lord. I got a job, earned my GED, worked, and preached to gang bangers, prostitutes and the homeless. It was a great season of growing with the Lord.



“Then, I studied theology for four years at **Moody Bible Institute**. I was attracted to World Impact’s commitment to train indigenous leaders to reach their community.

“Students feel safe at our Teen Center; they share where they are hurting. People are coming to Christ and being discipled. It is an exciting time for Susie and me.”

Marcos and Susie are among scores of missionaries ministering in our cities who need increased support to continue. Would you send a special gift for the Gamez’s support? Or perhaps commit to a monthly gift? They, and

their colleagues, are among the best investment you could make in missions today.

Please give generously to help secure the Gamez’s ongoing presence in the city. May God bless you richly!

Yours in Christ,

Keith Phillips

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