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Outreach Newsletter
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Transformation in San Jose



Annika John and Ana Torres

Annika John shares Ana Torres' story of transformation. Annika writes:

I have had the joy of mentoring Ana for the past seven years, journeying with her through the joys and suffering of life on the margins. Ana is a friend, neighbor, mentee, co-minister, and tia (aunty) to my daughter, Seylah. She has become family. Ana has a Moses story. She faced incredible trauma, heartbreak, and disorientation from growing up in our neighborhood and was hoping for a way out someday.

She has wrestled with an invitation from God to move back into the messiness and the pain to be a part of the healing and liberation of her community. Praise God! She said YES!

She is now preparing to become the next youth pastor of our church, Shalom Iglesia del Pacto. This call is a heavy one and also one of great joy, requiring emotional and spiritual breakthroughs. After an intense season discerning her spiritual gifts, she boldly shared a word from God to my husband, Josef, that moved him to tears. She has learned that her spiritual gifts are not just gifts meant to be enjoyed by others, but they are a gift to herself as she is healed and transformed through her personal encounters with the Holy Spirit. Ana has become a fierce advocate for inner-healing for her community. This summer she modeled her deep inner life - committed to weekly counseling, worship, prayer, reflection, and mentorship - to other youth and emerging leaders.

Transformation is beautiful.

**I am proud of Ana every day,
and I am so glad God has joined my story to hers.**



Servant Partners is a movement centered on Jesus Christ, planted in urban poor communities, and empowered to pursue community transformation. We plant churches, organize communities, and partner with local leadership towards individual, communal, and systemic transformation. We are inspired by the model of Jesus, who “became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood” (John 1:14, The Message). Joining with local leaders, we work to transform our urban community in positive, sustainable ways.

Please check out our new video:

9 Signs of a Transforming Community:

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| 1. Jesus Communities | 6. Whole Families |
| 2. Civic Good | 7. Health for All |
| 3. Lifelong Learning | 8. Systems that Work |
| 4. Wealth at the Bottom | 9. Beauty & Creativity |
| 5. Breakthrough to Freedom | |



We have learned over 20 years in our San Jose neighborhood that holistic transformation takes time. Because of this, we commit our lives to our neighbors for the long-haul, desiring to be leaders of patience, hope, grace, and strength to “stay in the game” when things get hard.

Email Annika for more information and stories at annika.john@servantpartners.org or visit servantpartners.org.

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**Jeff & Jessie Oleson, CRU
A New Brother in Christ!**



Kaiden* just prayed to receive Christ!!! This decision to follow Jesus came after months of sharing life together, working out together at 24 Hour Fitness, and being a friend to this young man from India. Kaiden has been on a journey from adding Jesus to a list of gods, to rejecting all other gods for the one true God and his

only begotten Son. Now Kaiden is praying for others to come to know Jesus as he studies the Bible and grows in faith.

Mission Trip to Lebanon: Jeff and Jessie were part of a team taking a group of students to Lebanon on a short-term mission trip. While there, they shared the Gospel with 99 people, speaking with them for about three hours. One of these students, Natalia*, was frustrated with the lack of transparency in her Druze faith. She was intrigued by the message of Jesus, God made flesh. She leaned into the message, listening intently to the transformative idea that through Jesus, we can know what God is like, and we are invited into relationship with God.

The UCSD students who were part of this trip came home so excited to share the Gospel with others around them. One student said, “Oh, now I get it! This is why we do all these things at UCSD to reach students with the Gospel!” As Jeff says, “When students mission together, it changes everything.”

* Names changed for security purposes.

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