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# Youth Pastor / Worship Leader San Jose, CA

### **BACKGROUND**

I am the Youth Pastor and Worship Leader at my local congregation. There aren't too many college-aged individuals at my church, so God has been providing me with opportunities to connect with and bring in young people that are passionate about Christ to help serve at our church through those two areas.

What makes you choose to give your time and energy to this ministry?

I see a need to be filled and the resources that the Lord has blessed me with to fill them.

#### How did you connect with GCI?

Shortly after moving to the United States, my mother and I were in need of household items and kitchen appliances. We had also been looking for a church to be a part of. My Pastor had reached out to my mother on craigslist and ended up donating those things to us! We got our prayers met with free stuff and a new church. Can't beat that.

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## What makes your region different than other places in the world?

San Jose, California is a part of the Silicon Valley, the tech capital of the world. This region is filled with highly competitive and extremely driven people. The high pay and high housing costs make the day to day a race for most people, leaving God in the shadows. The Bay Area is the least church-going metro in the United States, with less than 20% attending services on a weekly basis. Most of the population are immigrants, leaving native-born Americans a minority. It leaves the region differing from most of the U.S., having fewer people been being brought up in the Christian faith. The Bay Area, just as any other area, is an amazing field for reaching out to people with the gospel!



### Favorite Scripture?

1 Corinthians 13:9-12

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now, we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.



### Theme song for your life?

I do not have a theme song, but my favorite worship song is "Before the Throne of God Above."
Gotta love those hymns.



### How do you experience/feel close to God?

Through the reading of the Word and worship.



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