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OUR MISSION:

Passionately sharing the love of Christ with hope to transform the lives of urban youth, their families, and the communities in which they live.



Sozo Missions

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I have been with Sozo Missions for almost two years now and it has been a huge blessing in my life. I get to use my God-given gifts to guide our next generation in a challenging yet fulfilling manner towards a Christ-centered life. Sozo is the Greek word for “salvation”, and in just the short period of time I have been with Sozo I have witnessed the Lord saving young lives over and over again. Blessed with the opportunity to be a Sozo camp speaker, I witnessed 13 children and teenagers surrender their lives to Jesus and be saved. And just in February last year, I witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit save dozens of young children at one of the ministry club meetings, Sozo Kidz. My favorite part is seeing young ones give their life to Christ for the first time or even being reconciled – seeing the power of salvation happen is like nothing else in this world. I believe God guided and placed me here at Sozo for a reason and purpose.

It has been a privilege to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our students in such a crazy time of the pandemic and protests. Being able to offer them hope that cannot be found in the world, which is feeding them fear and confusion, we are determined as ever to focus our message on God and his unshakable Kingdom alone. Tuning out worldly messages and influences is so important for our students right now, as they are facing unfair and scary challenges, we are able to use this time to point to Jesus as the source of their value and the reason they are eternally loved by a God of immeasurable love.

Sozo Missions offers our community something so rare and necessary. Taking aim at a mostly pushed aside demographic – children who live in neighborhoods surrounded by poverty, violence, crime, substance abuse, stressful family life, and few positive adult role models – our work is to be intentional and effective in sharing Jesus in a way they can connect with. We see hope and potential in each of these young lives and our message to them is ... **you matter** – not only to us, but to God. I wouldn't trade my work with Sozo Missions for anything and I'm passionate to continue the mission God has graced us with.

Would you please prayerfully consider joining our team with a monthly financial donation of any amount to help fund my personal staff support with Sozo? These tax-deductible donations can be made online via the Sozo Missions website (www.sozomissions.com) or can be mailed in by check to the address noted below – checks should be made payable to Sozo Missions and in the memo note my name, Jovanny Aponte. If a monthly donation is not doable, single donations are welcome and very much appreciated. You can also join my team by becoming a committed prayer partner.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. – Philippians 2:3-4

Together we can show young people that they matter and bring hope to this generation, and the next!

