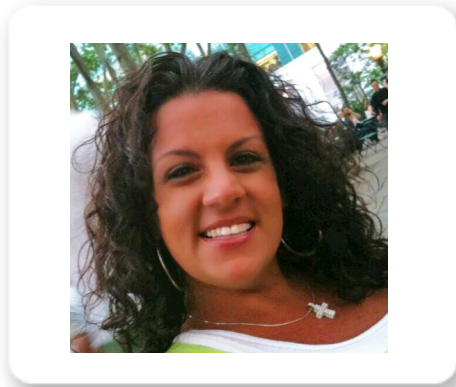


Introducing . . .



Luisa Spadafino

Church Planting - Recovery House of Worship

FIELD

Luisa was appointed by Missions Door in September 2005. She works alongside Pastor Ray Ramos, and the New York City church-planting team, helping to start churches for those in recovery, their friends and families. Luisa's wide range of talents, love for Him, and her experiences from the past have been used to bless many.

FAITH

Ever since Luisa can remember, she looked for something to fill the void in her life. She was born to a drug-addicted father (who left when she was 8) and to a loving single mom. Later she experienced destructive displays of love that made the void bigger. At a young age, drinking, smoking and drugs were ways Luisa coped with the void.

An abusive relationship, unanswered questions about the Bible, anger at God and a widening void led to her breaking point. She was about to be initiated into a cult when a friend invited Luisa to church. The question she'd been waiting to hear her whole life was asked, "Are you tired of being sick and tired?"

December 22, 2001 is when she finally let Jesus' love and forgiveness fill that void. Ever since that day of healing, she finds much joy in using the issues of her past to share about what God's done for her.

FAMILY

Luisa has a younger sister and mother who live in Queens. Her father is now off drugs (thanks to many prayers) and is getting his life back together in Florida.