

Presenting

## Victoria Pierce

*Short-term Teams Coordinator and Children's Advocate*



### Ministry Focus

Victoria has been leading short-term teams for over 15 years to various countries of the world. In November 2015, she was appointed as a Short-Term Teams Coordinator with Missions Door. Her role is to recruit, train and lead teams that support international church planting and building efforts, primarily in Central America.

Victoria is passionate about seeing nationals respected and loved as equals, which is why she believes leading teams under the direction of nationals is so beneficial. She loves to watch different cultures work together and learn from each other, and she loves being a bridge between North American churches and churches in the majority world. For Victoria, it's powerful to see God moving in people's lives through these teams as they experience and learn from other cultures. She also serves as an advocate for children's educational projects in Central America.

### Faith Story

Victoria was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala. She accepted the Lord at the age of seven. Her entire life has been dedicated to ministry, helping her parents as they planted churches in Guatemala and Belize. In 1989, her entire family moved to Belize to plant a church in Orange Walk Town. Those three years were vital, as she was able to learn English. Her parents then decided to return to Guatemala and plant churches in Zone 18, a poor area well-known for crime and gangs.

Victoria started working with kids in the neighborhoods where her parents were planting churches. The strategy was to develop a children's program that would allow the De la Cruz family to evangelize to kids and their parents. Victoria's ability to speak English and her desire to work with children led her to full time missionary work. In 2001, she started coordinating and leading teams to Honduras, Guatemala and Cambodia.

### Family & Education

Victoria is the daughter of Missions Door missionaries Otto and Rosa De la Cruz. Otto serves as a Guatemala Ministry Specialist.

Victoria received her degree as a Bilingual Secretary and Sworn Translator.