

CBF Offering for Global Missions 2011-2012 Missions Moment “Touching Miami with Love”

Fifteen-year-old T’Kerria (*pronounced TUH-care-ee-uh*) comes from a troubled – and crowded – home. Living in a one-bedroom apartment with five family members isn’t easy, nor is living without her dad, who has spent years in jail. Every day after school T’Kerria comes to the bright yellow brick building on 6th Avenue – the ministry center of Touching Miami with Love – for a feeling of home and the love of a family. “This is like my second home – one big family,” she said.

For T’Kerria and dozens of other children and teenagers, their lives have been changed by Touching Miami with Love (TML), a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship partner ministry that shares the love of Christ in one of the nation’s poorest and most dangerous urban neighborhoods.

Touching Miami with Love is a ministry in the community of Overtown, where many of the local children and teenagers live in poverty, go to a failing school and have witnessed gun violence firsthand.

Jason Pittman, one of CBF’s field personnel who leads TML with his wife, Angel, said: “There are a lot of needs in our community, such as a place that is separate from the dangers of violence and crime and negative influences. We share the love of Christ with children and youth by offering hope, opportunity and resources.”

As CBF field personnel, Angel and Jason have led this vibrant, growing ministry since 2005. Because of the support Fellowship Baptists provide through the CBF Offering for Global Missions, the Pittmans are able to serve at TML full-time – Jason as executive director and Angel as director of development and volunteers.

They live in Overtown with their two sons, Isaac and Lucas, and reach out to the community not only as TML staff but as neighbors and friends.

“God has placed a call on our life,” Angel said. “We know that there’s a need in our community, and we know that we have been uniquely equipped to answer that call.”

One of the best ways to become part of God’s mission in Overtown is by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. For the Pittmans and many other CBF field personnel, the CBF Offering is their ministry’s foundation, enabling them to live in a community like Overtown and share the presence of Christ. But giving to the CBF Offering isn’t just about supporting CBF field personnel; it’s about becoming part of God’s mission in the world.

“You can give and know that your gift is being used to build the body of Christ and the kingdom here on earth,” Jason said.

Please give generously to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your gifts allow important ministries to continue and grow. Your gifts give children like T'Kerria a place to call home.