

## **Sarah Ago**

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**Objective:** Leading a family ministries program and serving the children of a multi-generational church alongside a Christ-focused staff.

### **Ministry Experience:**

#### **Grace Community Covenant Church, Palo Alto, CA**

- **Family Ministries** *December 2006 - present:*
  - o Acting Sunday School Director
  - o Training Sunday School teachers
  - o Coordinating children's program at church retreat
  - o Directing Easter and Fall family events
  - o Assisting in children's seasonal programs/choir
  - o Coordinating children's activities in intergenerational worship experiences
  - o Leading upcoming short-term mission to Chinese orphanage
  - o Preaching on various Sundays

#### **First Covenant Church (FCC), Oakland, CA**

- **Missions and Visitor Follow-up** *February 2005 – May 2006:*
  - o Acting as liaison between mission board/staff and mission board/missionaries
  - o Attending mission board meetings
  - o Advocating for missionaries' needs
  - o Planning major church-wide missions events
  - o Raising mission awareness in the congregation
  - o Planning and organizing visits from missionaries
  - o Assisting short-term mission team leaders
  - o Following up with all visitors
  - o Planning Newcomer Receptions
- **Outward Focus Ministry** *November 2003 – March 2006:*
  - o Researching the plight of persecuted Christians worldwide
  - o Speaking about worldwide missions and persecution
  - o Organizing events for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
  - o Leading the congregation in prayer experiences for world-wide needs
- **5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School** *September 2003 – June 2006:*
  - o Preparing and teaching lessons
  - o Attending Sunday school staff meetings
  - o Planning Boys/Girls Nights Out
- **Refuge** *Various Sundays from 2004 – 2006:*
  - o Guest speaker at the evening service, named "Refuge"
- **Adult Sunday School** *Spring 2006:*
  - o Teaching a class involving analysis of the biblical mandate for world missions, short-term missions, and training for short-term mission teams.

#### **Salvation Army Family Shelter, Oakland, CA**

- **Volunteer** *Fall 2003-Winter 2004:*
  - o Participated in childcare for families at the shelter- playing with the children and helping with homework.

### **Child Evangelism Fellowship's Good News Clubs, Chicago, IL**

- **Teacher** *August 2001-December 2002:*
  - o Preparing and teaching lessons and missionary stories
  - o Leading children in songs and Scripture memory
  - o Sharing the gospel with interested students

### **Life Covenant Church, Edmond, OK**

- **Coordinator of Children's VBS Missions programs** *1999 – 2001:*
  - o Coordinating classes and teachers for the missions program
  - o Co-writing and teaching missions lesson materials
- **Guest speaker at Children's Church** *1999:*
  - o Planning and leading a "taste and see" experience of India and China.
- **Assistant for Project Angel Tree Christmas program** *1998 – 1999:*
  - o Calling the families of the children to record their wish lists
  - o Assisting in planning Christmas parties
  - o Presenting the gospel message to the children and their families at programs

### **Coffee Creek Riding Stables, Edmond, OK**

- **Volunteer** *Summer 1997:*
  - o Assisting children with special needs who came daily to ride horses and participate in physical therapy using games and riding skills

### **Missions and Children:**

I have been on fourteen foreign mission trips, all involving ministry to children. The trips where the involvement with children was more extensive I list here:

- **Romania** *September 1997:*
  - o Mission trip to orphanage in Arad
- **China** *January 2005*
  - o Visit to orphanage in Changsha to meet a child I sponsor
- **India** *July 2005*
  - o Ministry to street children and training of childcare workers

### **Education:**

*January 2006 – present: Estimated graduation date of Spring '09*

#### **M.A. in Family Life Education: Fuller Seminary Northern CA**

I am adding a "Children at Risk" specialty to my current program.

*January 1998 – December 2004*

#### **B.S. in Biblical Studies from Moody Bible Institute: Chicago, IL**

I studied International Ministries while living on campus from August 2001-December 2002. Classes such as "Biculturalism," "Church Planting," and "Cultural Anthropology" were central to my program. Child development classes were taken as electives through community college. I finished my degree in Biblical Studies through the independent studies program.

References available upon request.