

1. Describe what you think it means to be a successful Director of Children's Ministries.

It is important to partner with the parents in seeking to implement spiritual formation in children's lives. I see success as seeking God in all one does and performing work to his glory. Children deserve a safe place to learn and grow spiritually. A successful director seeks to establish this kind of place and strives for excellence in all she does.

2. What unique qualifications or life experiences do you bring to this role?

I have a brother with special needs who has opened up the world to me in ways I cannot adequately express. He is eleven years younger than me, so I participated in taking care of him most of my life. He is one of the reasons I see the great value in all children. I also understand some of the pain and challenges that parents (of any child) experiences.

I have worked with children in the church since I was a pre-teen, assisting in Sunday School and VBS. I have led programs, planned events, and taught for many years in children's ministry. I am studying family ministries at Fuller Seminary. I have taken fourteen short-term mission trips, several to work with children overseas.

3. Why does this position appeal to you? Why do you desire to leave the role where you are currently serving?

The position appeals to me because I love children and have a heart for family ministries! I am not eager to leave my current job, but am seeking the Lord as to where He wants me. My current job is located far from where I live and I am wrestling with whether or not it is realistic to serve a community you live so far from.

Working at a church is not just a job to me. It means integrating into a community and participating in body-life.

4. What are your short-term and long-term goals for your personal vocational development?

Short-term goals: To develop in family ministry, pastoral functions, leading, and teaching/ To be licensed with the ECC in March.

Long-term goals: To become a staff pastor and start an organization for training orphanage workers internationally

5. Describe the ideal work environment for you.

An ideal work environment is one in which each member of the team is valued for his/her contribution and encouraged to excel and develop in their gifts. It is a place where communication is open and real. Mentoring and regular personal development should also be provided and encouraged.

6. Tell us about two memorable projects or group experiences that you have led – one success and one failure.

I led a family Easter event in March of this year. We had games, crafts, story time, lunch, an Easter basket contest, and song time. We invited people from the community and had a good turn out. The parents said they appreciated the way I divided the children into age groups to go through the activities. The kids had a blast!

I made a mistake in our children's summer program this year. That is, I made myself indispensable to the program! This put alot of pressure on me when people did not show up. I was limited in people resources and thought I could make up the slack myself, but learned that this was not the best way to run the program! Things turned out ok and people filled in, but the stress was great.

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To what do you attribute the success and the failure? What did you learn from those experiences?

The success was God's empowerment! I planned well and was detailed in my execution of those plans. The failure was a frantic desire to fill slots, without considering my limitations.

7. Are you aware that this is a $\frac{3}{4}$ time position (0.75 FTE)? Is that amenable to your family situation?

Yes, I do not have children, so I have more time than others might have. I am a student, however, so I have to plan my time wisely.

8. Describe one way that you are currently experiencing God in your life.

God is fueling me with passion as I plan and lead a team to China this January to work with disabled orphans. When I read about the opportunity, my heart leapt and I knew it was something He wanted me to make available to others. The response at my current church has been good and has confirmed His leading. I am excited to feel so alive as I pursue His calling in my life!