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THE BLOCK CHURCH

About the Family

My wife, Mena, and I recently got married and are stepping into this new season with excitement for how God will use our family for His glory. We believe ministry starts at home and desire to build a marriage rooted in the gospel, marked by love, humility and a heart to serve others. God called me into ministry at 17, and for more than a decade, I've discipled middle-school, high-school and college students.

I've also helped several church plants launch by leading children's, youth and men's ministries, as well as preaching and teaching. We love spending time with family and friends, trying new restaurants, hiking and enjoying good coffee.

About My Church Plant

God has placed a deep burden on our hearts to see San Diego transformed by the gospel. In partnership with the Send Network, we are planting The Block Church, a new church committed to bringing the hope of Jesus to every block and every person—especially the least, the last and the lost. San Diego is a vibrant, diverse city, but also filled with spiritual brokenness and people longing for hope, purpose and community. Our vision is to see neighborhoods renewed, families restored and lives changed by the power of the gospel.

I am currently serving as a full-time church planting resident with New Vision Church, being equipped, building a core team and preparing for the launch of The Block Church in Fall 2026.

Find out how you can

Pray.

Participate.

Provide.

PRAY.

Please pray for my wife, Mena, and me as we step into this season of marriage, ministry and preparation. Pray for a strong, gospel-centered marriage and for clarity as we seek where to plant in San Diego. Ask God to open hearts to the gospel and bring faithful co-laborers and leaders to help establish the church. Pray that The Block Church will be a multiplying church in the city. Pray for stamina, protection and longevity as we follow Jesus into this calling.

PARTICIPATE

Support The Block Church through a one-time or monthly gift to help bring the hope of Jesus to every block in San Diego. Partner churches can also send teams to serve alongside us. You can personally support Mena and me through prayer or giving as we prepare to plant. We are fully supported by generous partners like you.

PROVIDE

Learn the church plant, its strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources.
Support a church planter financially.