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A STORY OF DIVINE PERSISTENCE

THE YOUTH DIRECTORS WHO ALMOST SAID NO



Antonia and Elisaia Goldtrap never planned to become youth directors. Yet today, they're leading Revive Youth in Long Beach, California, watching God transform young lives through their volunteer ministry. Their story begins decades ago when their mothers emigrated from Samoa as best friends in the 1970s. After 20 years apart, their children would reconnect, marry, and discover their calling to serve together.

Both raised in homes where God, Church, and family were foundational pillars, the Goldtraps understand the power of early spiritual grounding. Like many young adults, they experienced seasons of drift from their faith after high school. But those early foundations became their lifeline back to ministry as adults—and now they're determined to give today's youth that same unshakeable anchor.



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MINISTRY THAT CHANGES LIVES

The heart of their work is evident in individual transformations. Elisaia shares about a young student they took to camp last year—someone who had idolized gang life, struggled with depression, and witnessed significant violence. “There is a night and day difference in this student's life over the past year. I know it's not me, but the Lord,” Elisaia reflects. Where once there was hopelessness, now the student thrives with a supportive friend group and renewed hope.

For Antonia, youth ministry is about providing the one constant young people can depend on. “The teen years are really tough. The only thing that's been really constant in life is that Jesus never lets us down,” Antonia explains. “I want to give them one thing to hold on to—Jesus.”



UYWI PARTNERSHIP MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

As volunteer leaders juggling full-time careers, the Goldtraps found UYWI's support invaluable. “Putting together curriculum took so long—for hours—but the program gave our time back,” they share. Their Mission Action Plan became their five-year strategic vision, earning them church board approval for budget, new space, and ministry expansion.

Currently serving 20 youth weekly, they're developing the next generation of leaders while building trust within their community. Three of their leaders have completed UYWI's Certification Program, with the Goldtraps hoping to participate when resources allow.

YOUR INVESTMENT AT WORK

Stories like the Goldtraps' demonstrate the multiplying effect of your partnership. When you invest in leadership development, you empower leaders who will transform communities for years to come. Through comprehensive training and ongoing support, UYWI helps volunteer leaders maximize their impact while managing life's demands.

Thank you for making stories like this possible through your generous support of UYWI's mission as you are **Building for the Future and Investing in 5X the growth** throughout 2025.

Bless you,

TOMMY NIXON, CEO
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