

## Rebecca Piffard, Church Ministries Coordinator



Rebecca grew up in San Diego's East County. She came to faith in Jesus as a young child and recommitted her life in high school. After graduating from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art, she began her career as a graphic designer at the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena. Her love for Jesus and the world has led her to short-term trips to Jamaica, Poland, Austria, and Albania.

Rebecca worked for more than 30 years as a graphic designer and photographer for such companies as Jack in the Box, Inc. and Southwest Strategies, one of the top public affairs/relations firms in San Diego County. She honed her writing and management skills along the way.

Most recently, she worked at Trinity Presbyterian Church. One of her responsibilities included facilitating short-term mission trips every few years. In a conversation with the pastor, he remarked on the growing number of Syrian newcomer families settling in El Cajon. He wondered if the church could connect with them in some way rather than heading overseas.

With the help of a few mission contacts in San Diego, Rebecca developed a program to reach out to Muslims called "Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors." She worked with the El Cajon Presbyterian Session to host this project. For two weeks, participants heard from experts in Islam, cross-cultural communication, world view, and how to share the Gospel with Muslims in the morning. In the afternoon, participants practiced what they learned in a variety of outreach opportunities.

This adventure changed Rebecca's life. In her spare time, you will find her living life with a couple of Syrian newcomer families. She also edited a book called "Return to Eternal Truth," written by a believer from a Muslim background. Before following Christ, he had worked as a Sharia law judge and was a famous imam in his home country. The book reviews topics common to both the Qur'an and the Bible.

Rebecca feels privileged to serve God at Palisades Presbyterian Church. As Church Ministries Coordinator, Rebecca brings her love for God's people, design and writing experience, and facilitation/communication skills together so we may grow in our love for Jesus and each other.