







MINISTRY LEADER: Jennifer Chang

MINISTRY CALLING: Monster Education Foundation

FAMILY: Michael (husband) Andrew Samantha Matthew

BACKGROUND:

Jennifer always wanted to be a teacher, pursuing a Masters in Educational Leadership to be a leader in Public Education and help revive under-resourced communities. In 2012, after teaching successfully for 6 years in Irving Park followed by 7 vears staving home to raise her three children, she returned to the classroom in Austin. After just a month, Jennifer resigned in defeat after crying almost everyday in front of her class. But the Holy Spirit convicted Jennifer with His words, that it would be the kids she invests in that would make an impact. Jennifer and her husband, with the help of 2 of their close friends, started Monster Education Foundation in 2013. For the last ten years, they have selected and invested in the most promising servant leaders in Chicago's most under-resourced and dangerous neighborhoods, starting scholarships for them that grow with their involvement in their programming. Because they select only 4 students a year, they have been able to get to know the students and their families more deeply and the positive impact the scholars have made in their communities is unmeasurable. Their organization has grown from a small 4 person board to 11 board members and the annual budget is now about \$130,000. Jennifer is so incredibly grateful for the way God has redeemed her story in His beautiful way.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that Jennifer will continue to seek the Holy Spirit and be sensitive to His moving in all her and board member's decision making, that they stay humble and grounded in God's Word.
- For Ricky, who is a former student who has fallen out of the program, gotten into trouble with the law and is trying to make positive steps to improve his future. Pray that the Holy Spirit will truly capture his heart and motivate him to change.
- Pray for protection of Star, who is a graduate of the program. Star got pregnant by an abusive man and is trying to disconnect from him as she raises her son, and hopes to go to nursing school.
- Monster Education Foundation has 9 amazing college students all over the country. Pray for them to stay encouraged despite the rigors of college, and pray for great connections and godly mentors.