

Born and raised in San Luis Obispo County, Billy Calderwood has been serving in the body of Christ in the Golden State for more than two decades. In 2002, he planted the Goleta Foursquare church in, what he describes as, the shadow of the symmetrically-opposed socio-political culture of the University of California- Santa Barbara. And in 2010, he became Lead Pastor in perhaps, an even more differentiating community, at Media City Church in Burbank. Eleven years later, Billy left the pastorate to serve as Supervisor for the Western District of Foursquare churches. And then, he completed his formal relationship in Foursquare with a two-year stint as the leader of the church's Cause Project in which he was tasked with identifying, recruiting, training and mobilizing leaders for the cause of advancing the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ in various sectors of society.

While Billy continues to volunteer to lead a men's group, and serve in children's ministry at his local church in southern California, Billy changed course last year and stepped out on his own to kick off *Kid's Scripture Songs* ([www.kidsscripturesongs.com](http://www.kidsscripturesongs.com)). As the founder and Executive Director of this organization, his objective is to make the next generation the most biblically-literate population in history. He's engaging in exciting, creative work as he regularly works with a team of Disney animators, Jim Henson puppeteers, and some of the most outstanding musicians. Together, they design curriculum through songs, videos and other resources that makes memorizing the Bible fast, fun and effective.

Beyond the pivot in career-direction of Kid's Scripture Songs, check out Billy's latest venture; just a few months ago, he and his wife Kristin, entered an entirely new atmosphere in the advancement of God's mission. They are now active co-owners of *Toastique Porter Ranch*, a wellness-centered, fast-casual restaurant serving communities in the Los Angeles area. And, as if this description is not intriguing-enough, Billy explains that he is particularly inspired about opening a restaurant, because, for him, it is a long-awaited, bold launch into what he calls *The Third Space* of missionary opportunities. With the first two spaces being our workplaces, and then our homes coupled with the places where we do normal activities like grocery-shopping or banking, The Third Space is where we come into contact with our fellow human beings in settings that hold a purpose or attraction common to all.

Passionate about helping others live a life that speaks the impactful story of God's faithfulness, Billy's outlook is based on the foundational belief that there is no place the Holy Spirit is not hovering. And therefore, there is no person beyond God's reach. Billy holds that this Third Space is the field in which disciples of Christ can build bridges toward God's Kingdom. "Wow!" Billy exclaims, "just imagine being part of that construct, and moreover, helping someone cross over the bridge!"

Another important premise Billy operates upon is that missionary work, especially in the Third Space, is longterm. “It’s about cultivating seeds over a considerable period of time. It’s about relationship. And it’s about trusting God with the outcome.”