

Dear Friend,

For too many years Steve Gaskin walked in darkness. While growing up in Gary, Indiana, he went to church with his mother. But he didn't have a personal relationship with God. Instead, Steve—a.k.a. Stevie G—lived his life like the young people around him, pursuing sinful activities to seek happiness and fulfillment. Steve was a freshman at Indiana University (IU) when he began to feel lost.



Me and Steve Gaskin, a brand new Impact Music missionary

During the summer of 2005, back in Gary for the summer, Steve was sitting in his cousin's Oldsmobile with his cousin and a few friends. It was 3 a.m., and the young men were discussing topics that made Steve sick to his stomach. He grew quiet. He spotted a young girl walking on the deserted streets. She appeared to be fifteen years old, too young to be walking alone in the dark. As he pondered this, Steve realized that he, too, had been walking alone in the dark. Still sitting in the Oldsmobile, he cried out to God silently, "Lord, if you are listening, pluck me out of the dominion of darkness and bring me into your glorious light so that I can experience a new life..."

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Steve went back to IU a new man. He began to read the Bible and learned that he had a new identity in Christ. He joined The Impact Movement—a sister ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ which focuses on reaching people of African descent—and met Derrick, a young man who helped him grow in his relationship with Christ. Eventually Steve went on a mission trip to Ghana with Impact. Later he was able to use his musical talent on an Impact Music mission trip, performing rap music to reach the hearts of young African-Americans with the gospel.

Recently Steve sensed God's call to serve full-time with the Impact Music ministry. Earlier this month I had the privilege of training Steve in how to raise his financial support. When his team of financial partners is complete, Steve will move here, for Impact's Music ministry is located at Keynote. I'm excited to see Steve's face very soon. Will you please join me in praying for God to raise his support quickly? He faces some challenges in this due to the economy and his location in Gary. Thanks for praying, and thanks for helping bring more young people into the Light!

Debbie