

God's mission, your *passion*



Willy is among the growing population living with HIV/AIDS in New York City.

Life is hard, but people like **Ronnie Adams** make it easier. Ronnie — one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's field personnel — has a passion for sharing hope among those living with HIV/AIDS. He is a pastor, mentor, confidant, friend. As he leads Bible studies and provides pastoral care, he is the presence of Christ and a witness to how hope can change lives.

Your gifts to the CBF Offering for Global Missions support Ronnie Adams, one of CBF's field personnel, as he lives and serves in New York City.

On the day Cresenki became a mother, she learned she had HIV and had passed it on to her newborn daughter. Because she didn't know what else to do, she ran; away from the hospital, her daughter and to drugs. The way she saw it, not even God could forgive that.

But years later on a Mother's Day in New York City, Cresenki heard a different story — a story of a loving, forgiving God who was full of grace and second chances. That message from Ronnie was something that stuck.

Over the next few years, Cresenki became one of the city's great ministers among those, like herself, living with HIV. And when she died two years later, Ronnie spoke at her memorial service, where there were few people who didn't know the change Christ made in Cresenki's life. One 12-year-old girl especially: "That's my mommy," she told Ronnie after the service. "I got to know her the past two years."

Cresenki — a person who once thought herself hopeless — became "a beautiful story of the hope of Christ and what God's love in someone's life can do," said Ronnie.



Since 1995, Ronnie Adams has ministered in New York City among people looking for hope, including those living with HIV/AIDS. As CBF field personnel like Ronnie and others seek to be the presence of Christ, they need your help. Many CBF field personnel are fully supported through the CBF Offering for Global Missions. When you give to the CBF Offering you enable their ministries and you become part of God's mission in the world.

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