

BIO: Meg Summers Cartisano, Pastoral Resident with Serious JuJu

I was born and raised in Baltimore, the oldest of 4. I had the blessing of growing up in a loving household with parents who still like each other. My mom was raised Catholic. Dad raised Protestant. My grandparents started a house church I grew up going to that eventually turned into a big church. Getting older, I knew I needed to make my own decisions about faith and wasn't sure this was it. I'm that person where, "You said it was hot, but I had to touch it."



The Lord is good and the only thing that will save your soul. I left home and took time spending 5 years in Europe with YWAM. With YWAM, I traveled and learned from people living in Rwanda, Burundi, England, Lebanon followed by 4 years in Northern Ireland serving in community focused on reconciliation in countries of conflict.

There I developed a personalized faith wanting to invest in relationships and communities for the Gospel. I want to tell people there is hope in the world.

When my visa expired and the pandemic reached every corner of the world, my plans unraveled. I returned home to Baltimore serving friends and neighbors on the street. Then, my fiancé and I moved to Lakeside, Montana where Dom created his second album. Serving at YWAM Lakeside, we first heard about JuJu and knew we had to see it for ourselves. Volunteering with small group skates in the spring, we fell in love with the ministry, the community, the richness of conversation dignifying skaters and knew one of us had to get this job! This summer, we will celebrate our marriage in Baltimore, pack up things in Maryland and Texas and take our moving truck to Montana in August where I'll be 12 months serving alongside Pastor Miriam as the Pastoral Resident with JuJu. We are still praying and looking for a place to live in the area. I know this experience will strengthen my toolbox to start my own new worshipping community founded on local relationships intersecting God's grace.

Meg began her work with JuJu on September 1, 2021.