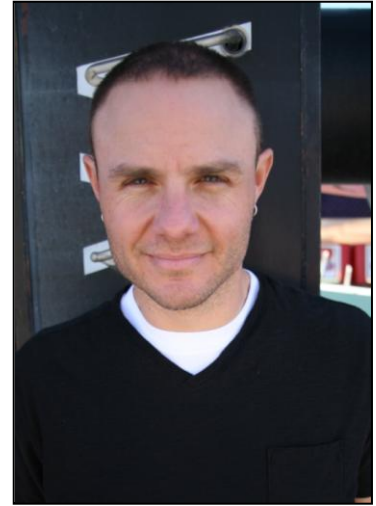


## JASON HARPER



Jason Harper is an adventurous thrill seeker and frequent speaker, whose travels and experiences have taken him to places that have challenged and changed him. The director of community outreach for Capital Christian Center in Sacramento, Calif., Jason is the founder of The Extra Mile, an organization committed to advocating for better education and health care for inner-city children.

Jason has a passion for helping underprivileged youth and he has long worked with students at Oak Ridge Elementary School in a rough neighborhood. After talking with school administrators and learning that many students did not have health insurance, Jason made it a goal to help secure health coverage for these students. In 2008, Jason ran 100 miles in over 100 degree weather to gain awareness and money with the goal of securing health care coverage for every child on the campus of Oak Ridge. The run took 29 hours and 35 minutes, and he raised funding, services and gifts in kind that totaled around \$85,000.

In his new book, “Jesus Loves You ... This I Know,” co-authored with pastor Craig Gross, Jason shows that he is a pastor who uses unique opportunities for ministry. He chronicles his experiences loving outcasts in cities across the U.S. and the time he spent as a bill collector for a television cable company after someone told him that because he worked in a church, he did not understand the hardships of the secular world. Jason accepted the challenge and immersed himself in what many viewed as a hated job, attempting to love and connect with the people that he encountered.

His goal in life is simple: “To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of my children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; and to appreciate beauty and to find the best in others. When all else fails, go full tilt, full time and full throttle.”

Jason calls himself, first and foremost, a father and a husband. He currently resides near Sacramento with his wife, Lynette, and two kids, Madison and Josiah. For more information on Jason, visit [www.jasonharper.cc](http://www.jasonharper.cc) and [www.extramilerun.com](http://www.extramilerun.com) or follow him on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/bechange](https://www.twitter.com/bechange).