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Mission Moment

Juan Miguel Bennett didn't let the ugliness of his childhood stop him from seeing the beauty around him. Born in poverty in Panama, Bennett was the only child of a strong single mother determined to introduce him to God.

His neighborhood was a poor, working-class ghetto with a host of drug, prostitution and delinquent activities. This was tempered by his mother who insisted he attend church, do well in school, and get involved in community service.

Growing up under the influence of the *Methodist Church in the Caribbean*, Bennett was exposed to United Methodist mission teams at a young age. This led him to answer a call to ministry.

While Bennett was serving as a missionary, friends at the *United Methodist Board of Global Ministries* encouraged him to apply for a World Communion Sunday Scholarship enabling him to complete his Master's program. Today, he is superintendent of the *Panama/Costa Rica District of the United Methodist Church in the Caribbean* and the Americas.

In two weeks we participate in World Communion Sunday. Our generous giving on this day we equip gifted, qualified people from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be.