BLACK ROCK **CHURCH**

Hello, my name is Susan Jenneth Gamboa.

I was born in Paraguay, South America and lived there until last year. My mom was Christian and my dad Muslim; so, as a child, I struggled to know what to believe. My mom raised me as a Christian, but I was just going through the motions and didn't really know God. I longed to know the truth, so I started reading everything I could find about faith. However, I failed to connect with the Lord in a personal relationship.

I was lost and didn't know where to find truth. There were so many gods and religions, and then there was science. Because science made sense to me, I rejected faith. 5 years went by, then I suffered a traumatic experience. This led to anxiety and panic attacks that left me broken to the point that I felt like dying. Nothing in my life seemed real to me, and I struggled to feel any sense of meaning and purpose.

During this desperate season, a friend invited me to Fusion, Black Rock's ministry to high school students. He probably asked me 20 times before I finally said "Yes." On my first visit, I heard the song, "You are Good." I started to cry and felt myself coming alive as everything within me cried out, "THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE!" I went on the Fusion retreat, and it was life changing for me. At first I wasn't sensing anything, but by Saturday night I told one of the leaders that I was ready to receive Jesus as my Savior, AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I DID! At last I felt safe as I stood in joy instead of drowning in anxiety and fear.

I've grown so much in the last few months. My relationships are better as I've learned to extend and receive forgiveness. I'm truly happy for the first time in my life! Today I publicly declare that I STAND for Jesus and that I'm a Christ-follower. Today I'm being baptized because Jesus brought me back to life, AND HE IS ALIVE IN ME!