



Laurie Drum

Director of Training and Formation

Role at TMS Global

Laurie serves as the director of training and formation for TMS Global. Laurie has a passion for fostering growth and development in all people, from the youngest children to the most experienced cross-cultural workers at TMS Global and around the globe. TMS Global views people as our greatest resource, and Laurie has a remarkable ability to uncover the unique qualities and needs of individuals and design specialized learning strategies to help them reach their maximum potential.

Laurie invests in people and works to bring out their God-given design. Her personal mission statement says a lot about how she approaches training: "Fostering personal growth, growth in community, and growth in the kingdom." Laurie began work with TMS Global in 2006, serving with her husband, Billy, as a cross-cultural worker in Peru. They moved to Spain in 2013, where they currently reside.

Background

Prior to joining TMS Global, Laurie worked in education in Texas, serving in various capacities within the public-school system. She has worked as a classroom teacher, science department head, teacher mentor, student teacher supervisor, staff development trainer, curriculum developer, and a specialist in vertical alignment of curriculum and training. Laurie also owned her own professional photography business.

Publications

Laurie is the author of numerous curriculums, training materials, blog posts. She blogs regularly at drumsforchrist.org.

Personal

Originally from Texas, Laurie was a teacher, professional photographer, and a soccer mom. She and her husband, Billy, became cross-cultural workers with TMS Global in 2006. They served in Peru for five years, where they focused on community development and educational programs for low-income families.

Laurie currently lives in Antequera, Spain with Billy and their daughter, Sarah. Billy serves as a cross-cultural worker specializing in member care. He leads a team focused on neighboring initiatives and helping refugees and immigrant populations to navigate their new reality in Europe. Laurie and Billy have two adult sons, and one granddaughter. When Billy and Laurie aren't working, they love hiking and all things outside. More often than not they can be found walking a trail with their dogs, out exploring archeology sites, or hanging out at the horse barn with Sarah.

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Education

B.S. from Texas A&M University in Education, Curriculum and Instruction, College Station, Texas

Expertise

Cross-cultural service

Regional consultant for TMS Global's European fields

Team leader for Spain

Member of TMS Global's Member Care Team

Community Health Evangelism Trainer-of-Trainers

Certified Christian coach

Certified coach Trainer-of-Trainers

Member Care coach

Certified in debrief for mission personnel and humanitarian workers

Advanced diploma in biblical counseling

Speaks Latin American Spanish, Andalusian Spanish, and just enough Quechua to cause a problem

Accomplishments

Laurie and her husband founded the Kuyay Talpuy education centers in Peru, which provided access to education for children in communities with little or no access, as well as parent education and discipleship to families in the Andes.

Laurie and her TMS Global team in Spain founded and ran *La Mesa Turquesa Community Center* in Antequera, an outreach that connected refugees and immigrant peoples to their new community and culture.