

# Cynthia J. Thomas

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## *Research & Resource Specialist, U.S. Missions*

Cindy Thomas has been with U.S. Missions since 2011, serving as assistant to the Administrator of Field Operations prior to becoming the Research & Resource Specialist for Compassionate Ministries within U.S. Missions.

Cindy's experience prior to joining U.S. Missions includes serving several non-profit ministry organizations. She has directed a small-town crisis pregnancy center, served as a shelter supervisor and hotline advocate for domestic violence victims, and served as office manager for a community food pantry and resource center. She has also worked in marketing and public relations for a physical therapy clinic specializing in rehabilitation for on-the-job injuries. These activities were all on a part time or flexible basis while homeschooling her three children over a twenty-year period—not an easy task, but one that has helped shape her family's desire to reach out to others who need help. Her husband, Phil, is a band director for a small rural school; daughter Ashley is also a teacher; oldest son Brian is a youth and music pastor; and youngest son Luke is a music major at Evangel University.

Cindy has served several churches as a musician or worship leader, with her entire family being involved in worship music. She and Phil are trained volunteers in Adopt-A-Block ministry and in the Alpha program. They are presently exploring ways to mobilize churches and community leaders to better serve under-resourced young people in the rural area where they live and where Phil teaches, and Cindy leads worship at meetings of a local addiction recovery ministry. They have also served for 12 years as volunteer field representatives for The Voice of the Martyrs, an inter-denominational ministry serving persecuted Christians worldwide.

Cindy is a cancer survivor and is thankful for each day God has given and continues to give her. She is available to share with churches, women's groups, and homeschool groups, focusing on the ways God uses adversity in our own lives to build and shape our compassion for others.

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