



## Ken Ballard, Jr.

IMPACT COMMUNITY (TORRANCE)

### About the Family

For 17 years, I was at a church that is racially, ethnically and economically diverse. I firmly believe God used that time to prepare me to launch the kind of church He has called me to plant.

I have lived in the city of Torrance for the past 11 years. My family and I reside five minutes from the house where my wife was raised and the schools she attended as a child and teen. Our kids play soccer, baseball, take classes and participate in Boy Scouts here. We have built great relationships with families, neighbors, teachers and other members of our community. The result? I have built a heart and a love for the people of Torrance and the surrounding communities. I firmly believe God has used my previous church experience combined with my love for Torrance to lead me to start a new church and indeed make an IMPACT in our city.

### About the Church Plant

We began in 2013 with 16 people meeting in a friend's home. Throughout the year, we met to plan the church and to serve the community.

Part of our dream is to be known for truly reflecting the compassionate heart of Jesus Christ. We have packed homeless survival kits, served on skid row, passed out backpacks to underprivileged kids, done food drives for needy families, built new garden boxes for a local middle school, renovated a garden area for the school where we meet, etc.

We meet in the library of a local high school. It has been a great experience for us, and we have been able to build up our church to an average of 50 people per week.

Find out how you can

**Pray.**

**Participate.**

**Provide.**

**PRAY.**

Please be praying for us because we are in the middle of negotiations with a local church to merge. This is a blessing because it puts us right in the middle of a neighborhood which has been my dream. It will open the door to IMPACT families.

**PARTICIPATE.**

If the merger happens, we will need people who have construction skills to help us create the warm environment for people who come to the church. Also, we would love to have more creative ideas to more effectively serve our city. Feel free to share what has worked well for you.

**PROVIDE.**

There are numerous ways to help a church plant. Please visit [sendnetwork.com/planterfunding](http://sendnetwork.com/planterfunding) for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

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