

**Survivor Voices of Human Trafficking**  
**Biography**  
**Carlos Dimas**

Carlos Dimas was born in El Salvador, where he was recruited by rebels to be a guerrilla fighter at the age of 13. During the civil war, he witnessed firsthand the horrors of child soldiering, including the torture and death of his best friend. At the age of 16 he had a religious conversion and shortly after, his family moved to the U.S. He was a Latino Pastor with the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) for 9 years in Syracuse, NY and a Multicultural Area Director with Young Life, a multinational outreach to unchurched teens for 19 years. He has 30 years of full-time ministry experience, particularly in a multicultural and urban setting. He currently leads the Latin Lighthouse, an outreach to leaders in the U.S. and Latin America. He has been married to his wife Cory for 26 years and has 2 children: Alexandra, 24, who just graduated from George Mason University and Andres, 18, who graduated from Wakefield High School and is headed to the U.S. Army.