

# GETTING TO KNOW REGAN PENNING



Regan Penning serves Morrison clients in areas of grant writing, grant administration, and project management. She brings her skills and experience in communications to effectively serve clients seeking competitive grant funding through the United States Department of Food and Agriculture, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Energy Commission, and other granting agencies.

Prior to her role at Morrison, Regan worked for over ten years as director of communications at Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Chico, California, after previously serving nine years in Guatemala City, Guatemala, in bilingual communications for the same non-profit organization. As communications

director, Regan oversaw all media and marketing efforts as well as mobilization of college students into community and global outreach initiatives. She has served in leadership development, volunteer training, mentorship, and team debrief and evaluation roles.

The missions training program for Guatemalan teens Regan co-founded in 2001 has trained hundreds of underserved youth, many of whom now serve throughout Central and South America.

Regan studied Public Relations and Spanish at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and Biblical Studies at the University of the Nations.

## Q&A WITH REGAN

### IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

If I had a superpower, it would definitely be teleportation. I love to travel and experience new places, but I am not a fan of airports, TSA, or crowded airplane seats. I suppose the ability to fly would be a close second.

### WHERE IS SOMEWHERE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN BUT HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO?

Since the first time I discovered it in an art book in my dad's library, I have wanted to go to the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. I'd love to take a renaissance art pilgrimage across Italy. I also had the bad luck that my one visit to Paris coincided with a strike at the Musée d'Orsay (where all the great impressionists like Monet, Renoir and Van Gogh can be found), so I definitely need to teleport back there for a day or two.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY HIDDEN TALENTS?

Speaking of art, I enjoy drawing and painting and have taught art classes. My favorite medium to work in is oils; I like the challenge of painting portraits and using color to kindle emotion and imagination. I love to sing and act and have been on stage with our local community theater, the Chico Theater Company. Being in the spotlight with a great song is a phenomenal (and somewhat terrifying) experience that I hope to repeat again soon!

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT MORRISON?

The best thing about Morrison is its people. There is a high level of trust among team members, and for good reason! They are amazingly talented, kind, and a joy to work with. I also love the variety of work that we do, and the opportunities to learn new things all the time.

