

Dear Friend, Darwin “Casey” Diaz is a husband, a father, and a pastor in Burbank, CA. Casey released his first book about his life called *The Shot Caller: A Latino Gangbangers Miraculous Escape from a Life of Violence to a New Life in Christ*.

Since the book’s release, Casey has been a featured guest on numerous national radio and television outlets as well as a guest speaker at national events. Casey is married to Sana and they have three children.

The Shot Caller recounts Casey’s life as a young man on the streets of Los Angeles in the 1970s and 1980s. As the son of legal immigrants to the United States in the early 1970s, Casey’s parents moved into an apartment in Los Angeles. By age eleven, Casey was drawn into a local gang called the Rockwood Street Locos. Within a few years he became the leader of the gang. After numerous run-ins with the LAPD, Casey was eventually arrested and sentenced to 12 years in solitary confinement at California State Prison, Sacramento (SAC), known as New Folsom Prison.

While in the Segregated Housing Unit (SHU), Casey was paid a visit by a small but fearless woman named Frances Proctor. Casey received regular visits from Frances Proctor, a woman dedicated to prison ministry and who promised to place Casey on her hit list (her prayer hitlist).

After multiple visits, Casey experiences a supernatural event in his cell that radically changed his life. From that moment on he decided to walk away from gang life. He vowed to make life better for himself and those around him. After several more years, Casey became a model prisoner and was granted early release by the parole board.

Casey temporarily relocated far way from the Rampart District to begin a new life. He took odd jobs and became a volunteer youth pastor where he met his wife Sana. Eventually, Casey and Sana opened their own business, a small sign shop that would grow to become a go-to shop for many Hollywood studios.

Today, Casey and Sana have been married for over twenty four years. Casey takes great pride in his children. His oldest daughter, Samantha, graduated from Azusa Pacific University and has become a High School Teacher and his daughter Miah graduated from Biola University and is an assistant Worship Director at her church, while his youngest, Jacob, who’s been drumming since the age of two is now a sophomore at Village Christian Schools and leads his school’s Drumline Team.

Casey’s story has been featured on national media outlets like Fox & Friends, FoxNews, Huckabee, The Eric Metaxas Show, The Adam Carolla Show, The Ingraham Angle, and Univision. His life story has been acquired by Zero Gravity Management a leading film production company in Hollywood and is being turned into a major motion picture.

Casey is often invited to speak at colleges, universities, and government agencies where he speaks on a variety of topics ranging from immigration, domestic violence, gang issues to solitary confinement and prison reform.

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