



Personal Profile: Elizabeth Zamora

My name is Elizabeth Zamora, Community Ministry Director here at Calvary. I am happily married to my husband Joaquin Zamora of 23 years and we have one daughter, Emily, who is currently attending the University of Texas at Austin.

I grew up in a structured Christian home. My parents were active Missionaries. During my childhood years, I witnessed my parents evangelizing, ministering to families, the elderly, children, and the ill. At the age of 6, I received Christ as my Personal Lord and Savior during a Vacation Bible School that my mother was leading. At age 12, I rededicated my life to God and got baptized at Christian Missionary Alliance Church. During my teen and early college years, I taught in Children's Church and was a Sunday School teacher to 1st- 4th Grade children.

I faced some of the most difficult challenges that tested my faith in God. At the age of 19, I became a survivor of a sexual assault by a Worship leader. This experience challenged my trust in people and questioned my own purpose in life. I made some unwise choices through the years to help me cope with the feelings I was having. I knew the Holy Spirit was convicting me. I recall one early morning crying to God, giving me the strength to overcome and change the decisions I was making in my life. Within a few weeks, the people who were not good for me were no longer part of my life.

With God's help I was able to heal and overcome the experience. I graduated from The University of Texas Pan American, in 1998, now known as UTRGV with a Bachelors in Social Work. I became an Outreach Advocate at Family Crisis Center, providing peer counseling to women going through Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and advocating for them in court or police stations. I was able to minister to women through prayer and with opportunity share God's love for them.



Eventually I worked with pregnant teens through Baptist Buckner Children and Family Services. God further opened doors for me to help children with developmental delays and resource families. During that time, my life changed again when I was sent to the Emergency room, because my pregnancy was at high risk.. Our daughter was born premature. The doctor told us that our daughter Emily may have a syndrome. I realized that God had put me at Easter Seals to prepare me for what we were going to face. I told God, we were ready to accept whatever He decided. My life changed dramatically. Our daughter was in the NICU for 3 weeks. We wondered what the future would hold for us. One day, while Emily was in the hospital, I got a knock on the door from the FAITH team at Calvary. I knew God was with me and reminded me that I was not alone. I quit my full time job to take care of our daughter's medical needs. My husband and I struggled financially as he paid his Law School Loans and faced medical bills. I spent a lot of time in prayer and wondering what God had planned for my life. We took a financial class at Calvary which helped Joaquin and I know how to pay off some of our debt.

In one of my times with God and in prayer, I asked God to use me and use the skills I had. A few days later, we were listening to the Sunday sermon at Calvary and Pastor Orozco asked if we had a skill or talent that you would like to offer at Calvary. I knew this was God talking to me. I dropped the card in the offering plate and received a call a couple weeks later from the Mission pastor. This is when God opened the doors for me to volunteer at Calvary and help with benevolence needs, which later developed to Family & Community Ministries.

I know God has placed me at Calvary to minister to families facing difficult situations. I am able to resource them with options, opportunities to help them become self-sufficient and spiritually whole in their daily lives. God has also opened the doors to allow me to outreach our Community and show that we can serve others with God's love, minister in various ways, build relationships, provide hope to the lost, and show that God wants a relationship with us



all. With God in the center of our lives, God will help us through the struggles we face in our lives.

I serve as the Community Ministry Director, under Missions. I currently oversee Benevolence, Community Ministries (BRIDGES, Bread of Life Food Market, Angel Tree and July 4th), and provide outreach opportunities that Calvary can serve locally. I am passionate about helping and resourcing others to overcome situations and help others become spiritually whole in their daily lives. I am also passionate for our community and neighborhood around us and provide ways Calvary can serve and receive our community with love at Calvary, in hopes they can connect with God, and Calvary.

My hope for Calvary is that we all serve God with all our heart, and have a desire to serve Calvary and our community. That we offer Calvary and communities, opportunities that will build relationships, connect others to Calvary and God, that will help us grow and become what God has planned for each of us and be a light to the lonely, lost, hurting, elderly and our community around us. That each of us use our talents and skills that God has given each of us here to serve Calvary and our community.

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.