



### **Personal Profile: Pastor Paulo Gatan**

A year after our wedding, my wife and I came to receive the Lord in our lives. It's been 40 plus years since, and we never regretted making that decision to follow Jesus Christ. I've grown in faith by serving the local church in the Philippines, and when we migrated here to the USA 20 years ago, I eventually decided to go to the seminary and finish my degree. What significantly made me decide to answer this calling was the fruit of my ministry as a grow group leader and the Spirit's prompting for me to serve Christ. Little did I know that the church that I had been a part of since we arrived in Texas was the same church that would eventually open the opportunity for me to serve as one of its pastors! Calvary Baptist Church decided to have me ordained and serve in the pastoral staff...the rest is History.

As pastor for Administration, I provide oversight of the church finances, facilities, and human resources management; hospitality and guest relations; and I act as liaison pastor for 3 committees, namely: Stewardship, Building & Grounds, and Nominating Committee.

My pastoral responsibilities include providing leadership for adult discipleship (particularly Grow Groups); participating in serving the pulpit as part of the preaching team; teaching and assisting with semester-based Wednesday night courses; and serving on-call pastoral care and visitation rotations.

While I see good momentum going on in our church, my hope is for Calvary to one day be a thriving community of healthy and passionate disciple-makers that will continue to extend God's message of love to the lost until Jesus returns. For this to happen, let us continue to pray and ask God to send more workers to serve Him in the harvest field, because the harvest is indeed plentiful! (Luke 10:2)