

Sarah Garibay baptism 07/21/2013

I grew up in a catholic home and attended church regularly. I grew up knowing that there was a God, but I never really knew God or gave my life to Jesus. In fact, I often attempted to find reasons to skip church. When I was in 8th grade, my older brother was involved in a life threatening accident and my parents went to IA for 3 months to aid his recovery. It was during this time that God used 3 events to bring me closer to Him. The first was having my grandparents stay with my younger brother and I while my parents were away. As I cried myself to sleep most nights from worry, my grandparents would soothe me with their prayers and encourage me to turn my fears over to God. Secondly, my peer group and I were going through the sacrament of confirmation at the time and I used this time to really listen and learn about God and the sacrifice that Jesus had made for me. Thirdly, I became involved in a nondenominational Christian youth group called Young Life. This group really taught me to read the Bible and to learn more about God. I took several trips and attended camps through YL. During these trips I was surrounded by other kids my age who loved God and had accepted him into their lives. It was on a backpacking trip in Colorado that I asked Jesus to be the Savior of my life. During my college years, I formed friendships with other Christian friends, but my relationship with God took a backseat to my social life. My walk in life had veered away from God. It wasn't until a few years ago when my husband Mike and I decided that we wanted to get more involved in the church that I realized how far I had strayed from God. As I have worked at rebuilding my priorities, my love for God has strengthened again. I wish to be baptized today, in front of my family and friends as an outward expression of my renewed love for God and as a way of professing my belief that Jesus is my Lord and Savior.