

1- What is your nickname ?

Chacha

2-How tall are you , do you have any birthmarks ?

5'5 and yes I do, one that I always try to hide.

3-What are your favorite things to do , What things make you the happiest?

Favorite things to do: write poetry, text, watch romantic movies, cook, go to the drive ins with my hubby and golf land. Happiest: Sitting together at the dinner table with my whole family, late night talks with my husband. watching the sunset, making a difference in someone's life.

4- Who are the people you are the most close to ?

My mom, my sister and Lazaro[Husband].

5- Where were you born , have you lived any where else besides San Jose , if you have why did you go live in another place besides San Jose ?

I was born in San Jose, CA. I lived in La Puente near L.A. for almost 3 years because I went to L.A.B.I.

6- What do you do to calm yourself when you get angry ?

I start to clean my house.

7- What is your biggest fear ?

my parents and siblings or my husband to die before me.

8- What are your goals , desires, challenges, hobbies and habits ?

Goals: To start and finish my education. To have a family of my own.

Desires: To become a teacher. To be a great mom some day.

Challenges: To be a strong Christian everyday. Not to judge.

Hobbies: write poetry, volleyball.

Habits: bite my finger nails when I'm nervous. I always try to look at the world with a positive attitude and smile at the world when I'm feeling down.

9-How long have you been married for ?

Almost 3 years in July. yay!!

10- What are 5 words to describe yourself ?

lovable, understanding, outgoing, curious, and strong (emotionally)

11- What is your best memory of living in San Jose ?

Getting an ice cream cone from Mc Donald's and driving up to the mountains with my family.

12- What high schools did you go to ?

9th-10th Santa Teresa High School

11th-12th Mount Pleasant High School

13- Who is your biggest influence in life ?

It would be between my mom and my sister.

14- What event in your life has made you the person you are today ?

My cousin's death. We were really close like sisters.

15- What place in San Jose do you enjoy going to the most ?

The drive inns

16- Why did you decide to do the job your are doing at the moment can you describe your job , What is the most difficult part of it ?

I decided to do the job I do now to help out with kids with special needs in a high school at YB because a lot of people are scared or feel sorry for them and not willing to talk to them or even worse work with them. My job consist of: picking them up and dropping them off to their buses, toileting, catheter. Anything that the students can't do as a normal student. Getting in the swimming pool so they can be safe when other staff won't offer to go in. But the most difficult part would be to have patience and not let their situation get to you. To be strong emotionally.

-17- I know you work mentally challenged kids , What have you learned from this experience , how has this changed your out look on these kids ?

I have learned that they are precious pearls, that it is a privilege and an honor to work with them. Also that most of them don't get married and don't live long. It has changed my out look in so many ways, by just looking at the world in a different way. It has impacted my life so much that I would do anything for them and go the extra mile if I have too. That's the reason I go in the pool with them even though they don't pay me to do that. Just to see their faces every time I go in, it just means the world to them and I also get love doing it. They also have made me smile at my lowest points in life and has changed me so much that every time they have an event I have been there for them and I do it because it means a lot to them and to me in my person.

18- What do you enjoy most from this job ?

Seeing their faces every morning and just the way they say my name.

19- What is your dream job your are trying to accomplish

My dream job is to become a history teacher or even a special education teacher.

20- Are you planning to go college ?, I

Yes I will be attending in summer at National Hispanic University.

21- I know you are a youth pastor , What is the best advice you can give to the youth of today ?

My best advice for this generation would be to be themselves and not be someone they are not. That yes, you can achieve ALL your goals and dreams. To follow your heart even though others might doubt your situation. Also, that your mom becomes your best friend when the world looks down on you and that education means a lot in a person. Nothing is impossible and the biggest enemy is yourself when you want to reach the stars. As a youth pastor my advice would be that God lets you go through the toughest situations , but He will make you stronger and have more passion for Him. That when it rains it pours, but with God by your side there will always be a bright sunshine waiting for you at the end of your problem. God will never leave you and He has always been there at your lowest points, carrying you in His arms of love.

22- What has been your biggest challenge you have face with any teenager you have met since you been a youth pastor?

The biggest challenge was when a student came up to me and told me he wanted to finish his life. It hit me so hard and I pulled him to the side to ask him why. He told me the saddest story of his life and I was crashed by this thoughts and his dreams. I talked to him everyday and try to make him more important than he was. Even though staff told me that he was a waste of time. That just motivated me more to encourage this guy man to reach for the stars and I promised him that everything was going to be fine. We become great friends and a week later I invited him to church. He was excited to go and I told him I was never going to break my promise. He never again had the same thoughts.

23- How has being a Christian and having God in life your life shape you as a person ?

It has shaped me in loving people for who they are. To be open in heart and mind to the needs of others.

24- Why do you like working with the youth ?, Why did you decide to do this ?

I love working with the youth because I was a youth before and it's hard. Whenever I have a chance to work with youth I take it. That's why I work at a high school, to make a difference. I decided to do this just for the passion that I have for this area of people. Adults do not want to work with youth because they have different views, but that's the art of working with them. They have so much to offer, but they think they are useless. Being a youth is hard especially when the world has target you to limitations.

25- What do you consider your calling in life ?

I believe my calling in life to be is to understand people, love, and care for them especially when they find themselves in hard situations. To be a listener when a person needs someone to listen to their problems.

26- What motivates you in life, What is the biggest challenged in life you have over came ?

My motivations is smiling at any situation that comes to me. That I have great family and that God is always at my side. The biggest challenged was to get a divorce from my husband when we barely had 6 months of marriage. But I thank God for allowing me to go through those hard times so he can make our marriage stronger than it was before.

I have a poetry book that I would like to publish some day and enjoy every situation that God has brought me out off. Especially when I wanted to kill myself and every time it back fired me. He send me an angel to take care of named Ethan, which was a baby that I had to take care of in the summer of 2001. That year I called it the depression year, but I thank God for allowing me a second chance and now I have an awesome testimony to say from that year. I died that summer but reborn on November when I got baptized.