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I was born in El Paso, Texas. We moved to the east coast when I was two and then moved to Germany when I was three. My family moved back to the El Paso seven years later. Because of my dad's job, our family had the privilege of living and traveling all over Europe and the Middle East (Egypt). My parents opted to send me to a German private school opposed to the school on the military base. My native language was German until the age of 11 when we moved back to El Paso. My dad's parents are German and my mom was born in Mexico. When we moved back to El Paso, my parents placed me in public school in 5th grade in the middle of the year. After graduating from high school, I attended UTEP in El Paso and the University of North Texas in Denton pursuing a degree in Business Management.

I met my husband, Larry, in Florida in 1986, and we married in 1988. We moved to Dallas, Texas in 1992, shortly after Hurricane Andrew. We have been blessed with two sons, ages 16 and 12. Before becoming a stay-at-home-wife in 1994, my previous jobs included restaurant management, banking, and sales. My favorite "outside" job was interim Executive Director at a Chamber of Commerce in South Florida. We currently live in the country, on the outskirts of South Dallas.

We began our homeschooling journey in 1995 after discovering Sonlight at a bookfair in Arlington. In addition to homeschooling our sons, I moderate the Sonlight Curriculum Forums, work as a Sonlight Curriculum Advisor, a Sonlight Curriculum Consultant, and as an SCC Assistant for Sandy Hotz. We are very active in our Bible Church with community outreach ministries and the youth group. I began ministering to homeschoolers in 1998 when our youngest son began using the Sonlight PreK program. My hobbies and interests include reading, gardening, and photography!

