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My physical life began in the dregs of Tacoma, Washington in a drinking, Democratic, Union, Catholic family (in that order).

My life in Christ started across the state in Pullman, Washington while I was in college. I came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ at the age of twenty. (Just a phase I was going through, according to my mom.)

After graduating, I traveled to Tempe, Arizona to start working as an Interior Designer. One year later, in 1983, I met my husband, Elias Pardo, an architect. We married in 1985 in an Evangelical Free Church.

From the first time I met homeschooled children I knew this was what I wanted for my children. Both my husband and I were like minded on this issue. Ian, our first child, was born in 1990. I tried to teach him to read at age three (how silly I was!). By God's grace, he is now an avid reader and entered college at age fifteen. Our second son, Rylan, came along in 1992. My daughter, Afton was born in 1994; Reu, son number three, in 1996. Brevin, son number four, arrived on January 2, 2000 (the day after the world ended, remember? – Me neither!).

Sonlight was introduced to me at a support group meeting that my husband and I used to lead. I started using the book list from the catalogue in 1997. In 1999 I purchased my first Core 3 when my oldest sons were ten and eight years old. They are currently doing SL200, History of God's Kingdom and eating it up. My daughter Afton and Reu are studying American History Part 2. Brevin, on the other hand, just turned seven years old and is in the middle of Core K. He hasn't enjoyed reading until this year. So you see, I learned my lesson about trying to teach a three year old how to read. We love Sonlight because of the reading, yes, but the relationships, when sharing a tome, are priceless.

My hobby is quilting of which I have some wonderful friends. But I noticed in the past two years I haven't been able to quilt much around convention time.

I love being an SCC because I can share my joy of reading and relationships with other families. I am truly blessed.



