

## STC 2007 BIO

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I was raised in the suburbs outside of the Chicago area, and I lived there until I was about 25 when I went to study at Capernwray Bible College in England and Sweden. After my studies I went to work at a Christian youth Hostel in Haifa, Israel. It was while I was in Israel that I met my husband, Keith who was in the U.S. Navy.

We both came back to the states about the same time, had our one and only date, and then six months later we got married. Keith was stationed in Norfolk, VA, and we lived there for about six months until his enlistment was up. After Keith got out of the service we went to Columbia Bible College (now Columbia International University), in Columbia, SC and on then on to Seminary at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. While he was finishing his MDiv he was asked to fill the pulpit in a church about 3 hours north of St. Louis in Illinois. We continued our 3 hour commute for about a year until they ended up calling Keith to be their pastor. We have been at that church now for almost 13 years, and it is here that we started homeschooling.

I first heard about Sonlight from a friend in St. Louis and from an ad in a homeschool magazine. When some missionaries came through our house saying they were going to be using Sonlight with their kids, I knew I had to look it up as I was soon going to be teaching my eldest. Since I am a very visual person I felt like I really needed to see the books in real life before I could purchase. I put feelers out and there was one response I received that someone was using Sonlight and she said I could come over and look at her stuff. As soon as I saw everything I knew this was what I was looking for.

I had been using Sonlight for a couple of years when the opportunity came up to represent them at our local Homeschool convention. I knew I loved Sonlight and I knew other people had to hear about them. I wanted others to discover that there really was something else out there besides Abeka and Bob Jones. So I applied for the position and I guess I have been a consultant for about 7 or 8 years now.

I have used Sonlight the entire time with my three children who are now 16 (Joshua), 13 (Sarah) and 11 (Anna). I have taught from all the different perspectives – all three in the same Core to all three in different Cores. I have always loved the flexibility that Sonlight has given me, but I know I'm preaching to the choir here!

Josh has about two more years of school and then he is looking at a Communications or Public Relations degree – what he really want to do is to be an announcer for the Chicago Cubs (look for his name in the next 10 years !) Sarah will be starting HS next year and Anna will be in Jr. High. God has given me a terrific family and a wonderful Godly man who I have been married to for 20+ years.



