

Mike and Claire Alameda Biography 2023

Mike Alameda

Missionary and Co-founder of Corazón Ministries, Executive Director of Ministries

Mike Alameda was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona. He grew up in one of the oldest Hispanic communities in Tucson. He attended local area schools and graduated in 1978. He began working in a print shop at the age of 17 and was involved in the printing and graphics arts field for 16 years. Mike's entrepreneurial spirit led him to the position of vice president for a nationwide company that specialized in cultural products that were sold to the federal government and Fortune 500 companies worldwide.

After six years as vice president, Mike felt God's call to leave his position and become a missionary. Mike and his wife Claire were passionate to reach the Hispanics and Latino's in their community for Christ. Mike and Claire founded the Tucson-based Corazón Ministries in 1994. The mission of Corazón is to evangelize non-believers, to develop believers into disciple-makers, and to equip believers for work and service within the context of culture and community in Hispanic/Latino and other ethnic populations.

Mike serves as the Executive Director of the Ministry. His expertise in cross-cultural missions has taken him around the country as a consultant to churches and national ministry organizations. After over

thirty years of ministry experience, Mike is a leader and mentor who desires to influence and equip future generations to fulfil the great commission.

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Claire Alameda

Missionary and Co-founder of Corazón Ministries, Director of Women's Ministries

Claire Alameda was born in Los Angeles, California. She accepted Christ as her Savior just after she graduated from high school. Claire received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Arizona. She met and married Mike Alameda soon after her college graduation. Claire began her career at the University of Arizona in student services. She specialized in the recruitment and retention of ethnic minority student populations.

Although experiencing a successful professional life, Claire, along with her husband, felt God stirring her heart towards missions. In 1992, the Alamedas were commissioned and sent as missionaries to the Hispanic and Latino communities in the United States. Together, Mike and Claire founded Tucson-based, Corazón Ministries.

Claire serves as the Director of Women's Ministries. The Women of Heart program reaches out through evangelistic home Bible studies, discipleship, leadership training, marriage and parenting classes, monthly gatherings and an annual women's retreats. Claire's most treasured role is mentoring young women in their faith walk. Her passion is to create a vibrant community where Hispanic and Latino women connect culturally to the gospel, grow as Christ followers and are equipped to contribute to the church. Claire loves to share good conversation with family and friends around her table.

Mike and Claire live in Tucson Arizona. They have three adult children.