

Biographies of Dr. & Mrs. Gary Schwarz

Gary was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington. He graduated from Stadium High School in 1971. Although he attended Sunday School as a boy, it wasn't until his second year of college that he trusted Christ as his Savior and was baptized as a believer. This led to several immediate changes in his life including a new belief in the veracity and authority of Scripture and a new passion to serve Christ's church. Shortly after his conversion, he met Cheryl at the church her father was pastoring. They were married August 23, 1974 and have two beautiful daughters. Their two daughters, Heidi and Rebecca, and their husbands, Benjamin and Aaron, live in Portland, Oregon. Rebecca and Aaron have a 1-year old son named Malcolm.

Cheryl is a third generation pastor's wife. She was born in Spokane, Washington and spent her grade school years in Colorado where her father attended seminary. She asked Jesus in her heart at age four after a week of Vacation Bible School. At age seven she also made a commitment to become a missionary one day. Cheryl's family later lived in both Battleground and Tacoma, Washington where her father served as a pastor. She graduated from Wilson High School in Tacoma and Ecola Bible School in Cannon Beach, Oregon. Cheryl is a gifted women's speaker and children's teacher with a deep love for God's Word and her family.

Gary earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, his master's of divinity degree at Western Seminary in Portland, and his doctorate at Northwest Graduate School in Kirkland. The passion of his life is to study and pass on the life-changing principles of God's Word. He has had the joy of doing so both at the local church and Bible college levels. His five favorite years of ministry involved training church leaders at three Bible colleges in Romania.

Dr. and Mrs. Schwarz have served together as a pastor and wife in Tacoma, Gig Harbor, Olympia, and Shelton, Washington and as missionary teachers in Eastern Europe. Having recently left the pastoral ministry, they have founded a non-profit organization called Principles for Life Ministries with the vision of providing life-changing Bible teaching to those who desire to know Christ better.