



# Michelle Gonzales

CHICO COMMUNITY CHURCH

## About the Family

I grew up in Grass Valley, California, and moved to Chico, California, in 2023 to attend Chico State. I became involved in Challenge in 2024 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in nutrition in December 2025. Through Challenge, I experienced the truth of the gospel for the first time, which led me to give my life to Christ. Challenge gave me the tools and support I needed to grow in my relationship with God and learn to live a life that fully glorifies Him.

I will be joining Challenge as a full-time staff member in the fall of 2026. God has given me a passion for leading college students, helping them to find their true identity and purpose in Jesus Christ, and has strategically placed me in Chico to follow this calling. I have a deep desire to share the love of God with student-athletes, especially at Chico State and Butte College.

## About My Ministry

Christian Challenge is a national organization with chapters on several college campuses across the country. Our on-campus ministry was planted by Paul and Christy Worcester in 2009 to reach students at both Chico State and Butte College.

Challenge focuses on evangelism and discipleship as we focus on reaching the lost students on our campus. Our vision is to see these students' lives radically transformed through a personal relationship with Jesus. We have a leadership team of about 60 staff and student leaders serving in this ministry with the vision of making disciples of all nations.

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

### PRAY.

Pray that God would draw the lost students on our campus to Himself, and we would see thousands of students saved through this ministry. Pray for boldness to share the gospel and for new doors to open on our campus to reach more students. Pray that our ministry would equip the next generation of leaders to live out the Great Commission. Pray that our ministry and staff would remain spiritually healthy and rooted in gospel truth. Pray that the Spirit would strengthen us to do His work amidst spiritual attacks. Pray that my life would be completely devoted to the mission I have been called to, and that I would have my identity deeply rooted in Christ.

### PARTICIPATE

Pray that God would use our ministry to draw the lost students to Himself. Read my regular newsletter to stay updated on the work God is doing through Challenge. Invest in the lives that God has placed in your personal sphere of influence.

### PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources. Support a missionary financially.