

Testimony

My name is Isabella Ann Pulido, I was baptized at Community Lutheran Church by Pastor Vogelsang on October 22, 2000. My parents are Tom and Sandi Pulido and my sister is Nora Pulido. Baptism is a promise that our sins are washed away. My baptism majorly effects my daily life. By being baptized I am encouraged to live a better life and become closer to God. I know that the world is full of sin and pain and that many people have gone through extremely tough times, I have been tremendously blessed and have only had to deal with the odd teenager challenges. Even though I have not personally experienced tough times, I have still witnessed people dealing with hard times, and each one has brought me closer to God. About a year ago my mom was referred a new client that was going through an extremely tough time. Her husband had recently passed away and her son was going down a rocky path. He had decided that he didn't want to go to school, wanted to change his gender, and had gotten into violent fights with his mom and sister. His mom pressed charges and he was sent to Juvenile Hall. After constant calls begging to come home, he was allowed to come back and try to live a normal life. He came home wanting to start fresh and enrolled in a new school, with a changed name, and different gender. He was doing ok in school and any of his free time was consumed with making makeup tutorials on youtube. He started getting his life back together but still struggled with constant drug abuse and self harm. In March my mom got a phone call from his mom saying that he had committed suicide. Another experience that changed my life was "Burrito Boyz." Burrito Boyz is a non-profit organization that comes together

every Sunday morning, makes about 600 burritos, than delivers them and other necessary supplies to the homeless around San Diego. When we arrived at one of the stop there was a line of about 250 people waiting for us. These people were so happy and thankful that we brought them the food and supplies and it made me realize that just giving up a small amount of time to help some people out means the world to them.

Both of those experiences opened my eyes and made me realize how blessed I am, and how God works through people to get his message across. When we were baptized we were welcomed into his kingdom and he wanted us to tell people about him and use our spiritual gifts to help others. I am so thankful that I have been able to use the compassion that God has given me to help some people out.

I pray that I will never have to experience anything like those people did, and are still enduring, but I know that if I do, I will be able to lean on God and he will help me through the situation.

In about ten years I see myself going to Veterinary school and pursuing my dreams of becoming a Veterinarian. I am focusing on doing everything in my power to become a Veterinarian, and with the help of God I think this is an obtainable goal. If things don't work out and I end up doing something else with my life, I won't question it because I know God put me in that place for a reason and he knows what's best for me.