

Ignacio was born 1967, in Madison, WI and raised in Fullerton, CA. The Lord had blessed him with both grandparents and parents that professed faith in Christ, so it seemed natural for Ignacio to accept Christ as Savior, by age of 12. Yet as a young teen and single adult, he experienced seemingly, periodic moments of spiritual victory amidst a pattern of sinful defeat and enslavement to fleshly lusts. Thankfully, God was using this contrast to reveal the falseness of his earlier faith profession and the shallowness of perceiving Christianity as the best means of God's grace to adapt to his self-centered goals in life. In the Fall of 1997, he began attending East Valley Bible Church, as a newlywed. Within a short period, God graciously introduced him to a couple that God would use to disciple Ignacio and his wife. During this time, the Holy Spirit convicted Ignacio of his existing depravity and need for a Savior. He professed faith and began embracing the peace and joy of a life truly surrendered to Jesus.

Since 1998, Ignacio served at East Valley Bible Church in various capacities discipling married couples and men, as part of the Family Ministry. He was also mentored through the EV Training Center from 2003-04. In 2008, he began meeting and praying with the men (who now comprise the IBF leadership team) for God's direction in how to administer social justice – in light of the Gospel – to the needy of Chandler, that they may proclaim the Gospel of Jesus, to the unsaved. In time, God also affirmed the call to plant Immanuel Bible Fellowship, where Ignacio has been using his spiritual gifts of administration, leadership, teaching and discipleship to serve the Body.

Ignacio has been employed in technical sales for over 15 years and is currently self-employed. Married to Brooke since 1997, they have a daughter, Allie. The Alava's reside in Chandler, AZ.