



Jack Myrick says, "Success in marriage does not come merely through finding the right mate, but through being the right mate." As a project manager for the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative, Jack's graciousness and warmth have become contagious. Always on hand with new ideas, Jack is committed to developing innovative strategies for serving Oklahoma's couples. Jack has been presenting PREP® workshops with the OMI since 2002. His most recent ventures include adapting the OMI marriage and relationship education curricula for use in both the business and faith sectors. Prior to joining PSI, Jack was a supervising partner over Sonic restaurants in Florida and Mississippi. He holds a BA in Business Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma.




Lauren Gould Alvarez is recently married to her sweetheart, Diego, and is also the proud mother of three rambunctious boys. Lauren says, "Marriage is that amazing process of two complete individuals coming together to make something new, unique, and even better. There's nowhere to hide in a marriage, but that can be a good thing. Because in the process of adjusting, adapting, and even annoying each other, you uncover all the things you hide away from the world. During that sometimes painful process, you get the chance to heal, to grow, and to become more than you ever could alone. And you learn how to really love along the way."

Lauren thoroughly enjoys her job as the Parent Care Center Coordinator for Jenks Public Schools. She is also a parent educator through the Parents as Teachers program at Jenks. As a parent educator, she enjoys facilitating classes and offering that cushion of support for today's busy families. She constantly uses the communication skills she has learned through the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative to keep things as calm as possible in a blended family with a house full of active boys. Her dream is to one day write a book and live on a quiet piece of land near the water watching her children and future grandchildren laughing and enjoying the beauty of nature and family.



Terry Buxton has been married to his lovely wife Elaine for 23 years, and says, "I believe a good marriage is like a rare flower that must be nurtured and protected. If a marriage is rooted in the soil of love, loyalty, self-sacrifice, open communication, and commitment, it will blossom into a thing of beauty with a fragrance that will bless generations to come." Rev. Buxton is the Senior Pastor of Agape Bible Fellowship, Inc. He is an honors graduate of Langston University and holds a Master of Arts degree in Practical Theology from Oral Roberts University. He



is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree at ORU. Terry has been trained and actively presenting workshops with the OMI since 2008. He also has extensive experience in public speaking and 25 years of preaching and ministry experience. Terry and Elaine have three adult children: Latasha, Terry Jr., and Dionne Nicole.