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2010 Women's Retreat - LOUISIANA

Keynote Speaker: *Ely Bulnes*

October 2-3, 2010

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Keynote Speaker, Ely Salome Madrid Carranza de Bulnes, known simply as Ely Bulnes, is the Associate Minister at Kings Highway Christian Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. She has worked as a leader and initiator in the church and the community of the Shreveport-Bossier area since 2004. The road that brought her and her family to Shreveport was a rather long and miraculous one.

Ely Bulnes was born in the capital city of Tegucigalpa in Honduras, and grew up in a ranch in the very small town of Pinalejo, Santa Barbara. The second of three children born to the devotedly Christian home, she received her primary education in the local public school, attended high school in San Pedro Sula and enrolled University in San Pedro at age 16. In 1995, while completing her law degree, Ely served as a Judge of Peace in a small community near Comayagua (where she met her husband, Jesus).

Following graduation, she was appointed a Judge of Criminal Law in Tegucigalpa. Two years after that, Ely was appointed as a Supernumerary Criminal Judge in Tegucigalpa, the highest criminal court in Honduras. It was here that she faced the most difficult challenge of her life, where her testimony as a Christian, her good citizenship and her honor were all put in jeopardy when she refused to participate in illegal matters as ordered by her superiors within the Honduran judicial system. As a result, Ely and Jesus fled the country in August of 2000.

With the support of Global Ministries, they moved to Indiana, enrolled in English as a Second Language classes and then enrolled as non-degree students at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) in Indianapolis. At the end of their first year in the United States, as they reflected on what had happened in their lives, and how God had cared for them, they began to understand that nothing had happened by coincidence - God had a plan for them all along and they were being called to serve Him. They enrolled in the Masters of Theological Studies at CTS in 2001 and graduated in 2004.

Upon graduation, they were both offered positions at Kings Highway Christian Church as co-ministers to start a Hispanic Ministry within the church. Since then, God's blessings have enabled Ely and Jesus to build a strong and united Hispanic Ministry within Kings Highway Christian Church, transforming the church from a large English-speaking church to a multicultural and bilingual congregation.

The Bulnes' strongly believe that working in God's kingdom has renewed their lives and brought immeasurable blessings to them - blessings they happily share with you today.