

MEET OUR PASTORS



SENIOR PASTORS
**JAMES & CHRISTINA
MEJIA**

James, a California native, was born in San Diego, California and raised in the city of Delano. After a broken and very unstable childhood, the Gospel miraculously transformed his family. During his teen years, he took heavy interest in serving in his father's church. While receiving his degree in Music and Education, he volunteered his time there as youth pastor and worship leader for over 6 years.

While preparing to become a high school teacher, he was unexpectedly called into full-time ministry and became youth pastor and worship leader at Canyon Hills church in Bakersfield, California for over 6 years.

In 2012 James and Christina, his wife of 11 years, moved to Brooklyn, New York where he pastored teens and led worship at The Brooklyn Tabernacle for three and a half years.

Today, James and Christina have returned to their hometown to lead the revitalization of his father's church and have been there 6 years now. March 28, 2021 Pastor Ray, the founding pastor, installed Pastor James and Christina as the Senior Pastors of Vida Church.



FOUNDING
PASTORS
RAY & ALICIA MEJIA

Ray Mejia was an alcoholic from the age of 13 to 33. He was on the verge of losing his wife and son, when the Lord miraculously and instantly freed him from his addiction to alcohol and restored his family.

Shortly after, Ray had a deep desire to learn and study the Bible. He studied hours on end, and eventually attended Bible School. He served in a church in as a Sunday school teacher and preacher. Five years later, Ray sensed the call to pastor a church in his hometown of Delano, California. On January 5, 1992, Pastor Ray, his wife Alicia, and their sons J.C. and Michael, took over a pastor-less church of 5 people and named it New Life Assembly. The church of five rented out and met in the kitchen of a church.

In January of 1995 by way of prayer and a miracle, New Life Assembly acquired a church building and have served in ministry there for 29 years. Pastor Ray and Alicia have witnessed many people be delivered from drug addiction, alcohol addiction, and gangs. They've also seen marriages and families healed and restored.

In April of 2016 New Life Assembly was renamed Vida Church, of which Pastor Ray is now the Founding Pastor. He leads a staff of pastors, speaks nationally and internationally about how he was miraculously delivered from alcohol and has been graciously used by God.