



Eagle Council 51

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7 pm

Speaker: Ballard, Katherine – Katherine Ballard and her five siblings were raised in El Centro, CA, a mere 10-minute drive from the Mexican border. After marrying her college sweetheart, Tim, she supported him as he finished his schooling in both Utah and Northern California. The pair then returned to El Centro, where they happily raised six children as Tim pursued a career with Homeland Security in the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Following a spiritual prompting, Tim and Katherine uprooted their family and relocated to Utah, leading them down a road they never expected. In 2013, the pair co-founded the anti-human trafficking non-profit organization “Operation Underground Railroad” which has resulted in rescuing over 6,000 victims.

Katherine also launched “Children Need Families.” a foundation to aid families in the adoption process, a subject that hits close to home after the Ballards adopted two children that Tim rescued from Haiti. One surprise baby later, their family of 11 was finally complete, and Katherine has continued to raise her children full-time as they are her pride and joy.

In her spare time, she runs her adoption foundation, is an active member of her church community, and supports her husband in all of his career endeavors. Katherine is an advocate for God’s children and has felt blessed to serve the Lord throughout her life.

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