

Dr. Chiqui Polo-Wood is an international author, pastor, academic dean (Shiloh University), speaker, teacher and mentor of women. Since giving her heart to Jesus at age 15 she has served in many areas of ministry in several nations. In addition, her 20 years in the business world has instilled in her a dual passion for both marketplace ministry as well as church ministry. She is an avid believer that every person is called to mission, whether that is within the church or outside the church walls.

Chiqui is passionate for the Word and the presence of God, and continually amazed at the realization that our Father has chosen to partner with us to establish His kingdom on earth. Her desire and goal in ministry is to see the Body of Christ fully equipped to live in freedom to do all the Father has prepared for us to do.

Chiqui lives in Texas with her husband, Kerry, where they lead Table of Friends, a relationally-based and discipleship-oriented church. They love ministering together both locally and abroad.

Chiqui earned her Master of Divinity degree (with high honors) in 2011, and her Doctor of Ministry in 2014, both from The King's University (Los Angeles, CA).

### **Early Life**

Chiqui was raised in Bogotá, Colombia, in the home of Pedro Polo and Alicia Fonnegra along with her two sisters, Adriana and Carolina. She came to know Jesus as Lord and savior at age 15, and since then has had a sense of calling to the ministry.

After graduating from High-School in her native Bogotá, she lived for a year in Hawaii, and for a year-and-a-half in Germany. She moved to Texas in 1989 and has lived in Texas for most of her adult life.

### **Business Career**

Chiqui completed an AAS Degree in Business Technology, and then her BA in Management and Economics in San Antonio, Texas. For the better part of 20 years she worked in the Life Insurance Industry. She grew in the ranks of the organization from a part-time assistant to a Field Services Director supervising the sales support staff in 10 offices throughout the country. Chiqui still uses her administrative skills as a business and economics consultant.

### **Ministry**

Chiqui is an avid proponent of the “ministry of all believers,” so while working in the business world she was always “about the Father’s business” ministering to her work associates while also serving in her local church in different capacities including choir, dance, drama, simultaneous interpretation, nursery, children’s church, youth, singles, and women’s ministries. She has served as a pastoral assistant and office manager, led Bible studies and disciplined many young women. Between 1998 and 2004 she also served as a weekly operator in a Christian radio station, translated materials, and recorded programs in both English and Spanish.

In 2008 Chiqui left her secular employment to pursue her dream and calling, dedicating her life fully to teaching and equipping believers on a full-time basis. Since then she has served as Associate Pastor, Director of Adult Education and Missions ministries, Teacher, Speaker, and Small-Group Leader. Chiqui has traveled to other nations to train teachers and help local Church leaders start Leadership Institutes for their congregations.

Chiqui currently co-leads Table of Friends, a relationally-based and discipleship-oriented church, along with her husband, Kerry. They love ministering together both locally and abroad, including Colombia, Argentina, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, England, Ireland, Romania and Egypt. Chiqui also teaches graduate and doctoral courses at The King's University and Shiloh University, where she also serves as Academic Dean.

### **Her Books**

From walking alongside and supporting her late husband through his 5-year battle with Cancer, Chiqui learned how to stand in faith and draw from God's grace for each day. She has compiled her *Lessons Learned in the Battle* and has shared them with many people in hopes that it will help them in their own struggles - regardless of the particulars - so they can live victoriously, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

From her Doctor of Ministry project, Chiqui writes *The Abba Foundation* to provide a framework for knowing the Father, the *Abba* of Jesus, as Jesus reveals Him to be. Her goal is to draw her readers closer to the heart of the Father, that we would have a revelation of His love that would allow us to lean into the mystery of the unknown – the unanswered questions – with the assurance that *Abba* is good; that *Abba* loves us, and that *Abba* can be trusted.

Chiqui is also a collaborator in Kerry Wood's *The Abba Factor* and *The Abba Formation*.

*The Abba Factor* invites readers to understand the orphan spirit on a global scale, then see the contrast between the progression of the orphan spirit and sonship – and how God uproots orphan thinking and builds a sonship mentality into His own. Sonship is not a place to get to – but a way to be; seeing yourself through the Father's eyes radically sets one free from the orphan lies and temporary substitutes for joy.

*The Abba Formation* addresses how lasting transformation happens. Readers discover the inside-out process of the indwelling Spirit who searches out the Father's will and purpose for us, then discloses it into our spirit. In this book you can discover how to get full and stay full of the overflowing fullness of God Himself.