

## MEET MARK GONZALES

Rev. Mark Gonzales is the Founder and President of the Hispanic Action Network (HAN). Mark has been a notable visionary and pioneer in establishing grassroots networks in the prayer and civic action movement for over 20 years.

Turning faith into action, HAN works to see the community of faith engaged in the civic arena and exercising its God given right to vote from a Biblical worldview. Gonzales crisscrosses the nation every week, educating, equipping, engaging and mobilizing the Church to be effective in taking a stand and having a voice on a local, state and national level regarding cultural issues impacting the family, church and evangelical community at large.

Mr. Gonzales has had the honor of speaking at the White House, in front of Congress, and has chaired numerous election campaigns, from the local to national level. Gonzales is one of the leading Latino voices on the issues of life, marriage, religious liberty and immigration.

In the 2008 Presidential election, Gonzales was appointed a Chair to the National Hispanic Advisory Council for Sen. John McCain. Also, in the 2004 Presidential election, Mark Gonzales was awarded Volunteer of the Year in his Dallas Senatorial District 23 for mobilizing the Hispanic vote and was given a gavel from the State of Texas. He was also a National Delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention.

In June 2016, Mark Gonzales served on the steering committee of the successful "conversation" meeting with then 2016 GOP nominee, Donald Trump, and 1000 prominent national Evangelical leaders who assembled in New York City. Gonzales also worked to help establish several influential organizations and initiatives such as the Asian Action Network, the Red Shoe Votes, and the Executive Director of the National Black Robe Regiment.

Additionally, Mark Gonzales with his HAN state coordinators in key Hispanic communities, solidified the largest Hispanic grassroots network in the nation. Beyond the Hispanic community, HAN formed one of the largest faith-based and multi-ethnic alliances in the nation including Asian, African-American and Anglo organizations.

As President of Hispanic Action Network, Mark Gonzales generated a substantial national footprint in researching data, designing, printing of over 6 million guides specific to 16 key states in the 2016 election including Puerto Rico, and hand-distribution via HAN's grassroots networks and engagement with over 80,000 churches in the 2016 election alone – which overwhelmingly proved to provide triple the evangelical voter turnout than the last 3 elections. Gonzales has worked in 32 states, mobilized 150,000 churches to the polls, and distributed over 25 million biblical voter guides in his years of civic engagement.

As well, Gonzales founded Es Tiempo de Votar (Spanish for "It's Time to Vote"), a campaign that is geared toward increasing voter turnout among the 30 million Hispanic Americans who are eligible to vote in the United States.

Mark Gonzales also serves as the President of the Hispanic Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, which represents a national coalition of Hispanic Evangelical organizations, churches, and leaders from across the theological and political spectrum, united in support of comprehensive immigration reform.

From stadiums and pulpits across America to the White House and Congress, as well as his local church, City Hall and community events, Mark moves with the mandate of establishing prayer and civic action across America.

Mark is married to his high school sweetheart, Beverly, and they have four children and one grandchild. They reside in Dallas, TX.