

# JOE TAMEZ

Being visually impaired from birth, my creativity began to manifest itself around the age of 8 years old. I started drawing and painting as well as building carnival rides from Legos. Over the next few years, I began painting with more detail and learning how to blend colors and different types of paints to make my creations better. I sold my first painting at the age of 15, and have done numerous projects since. I was part of a group project to paint a mural of our school mascot on one of the walls in the gym as well as painting things on cars for some classmates, and doing a whole bathroom to look like you're under water while in there. I've also had paintings submitted for the American Printing House (APH) calendar contest. One of my pictures even traveled around the United States and hung on the rotunda at the Capital in Washington D.C. My main focus for inspiration is landscapes, but I occasionally do something very different. I'm blessed to have been given this gift of painting, and will continue to create beautiful art as long as God continues to work through me to make creative artwork.

