

meet
**NEDELKA CANO
GUTIERREZ**



PANAMA



her story

Nedelka was raised by separated parents. She grew up with her father and six brothers. In 1991, when Nedelka was 11, her older brother shared the Gospel with her and she received Christ.

Nedelka married her husband, Luis, in 1997. In 2003, God led them to the Word of Life Institute in Argentina, where they studied for three years, getting grounded in Scripture, training for ministry, growing in their faith, and enriching their marriage.

Nedelka and Luis started working with Word of Life Panama in December 2006 and served together faithfully until 2020, when Luis was diagnosed with cancer. He fought valiantly until the Lord called him home in March 2023. He is, and will always be, dearly missed. Even with the absence of Luis, Nedelka continues to serve with Word of Life Panama.

In 2013, Luis and Nedelka took in two girls, Marcia and Janeth, from ANA Panama's transition home. The arrangement was originally temporary, but the following year Luis and Nedelka committed to providing a permanent home for the girls.

Marcia graduated from university in January 2024. Janeth made Nedelka a grandma in July 2023 with the birth of a baby boy, Alberto, named in memory of Luis.

The primary focus of WOL is youth evangelism and discipleship. WOL accomplishes this through their summer camp program (January-March), and various other camps throughout the year, such as sports, college & career, marriage & family, women and leadership retreats. They also share the gospel in public schools, jails, hospitals, orphanages and Indian villages through puppet shows, musicals, and dramas. Their main avenue for discipleship is through youth Bible Clubs.

The Bible Chapel has partnered with the Nedelka since 2016

JANUARY 2024

PRAISE

- ❖ Marcia and Janeth
- ❖ His grace, love and mercy for me. God treats me with cords of love.
- ❖ On January 4th, I celebrated my 44th birthday. I am grateful to have completed another year.
- ❖ The legal procedures for the death of my husband are soon to be finalized, and I asked for prayer before camp and that is what is happening.

PRAYER

- Fidelity and Holiness to the Lord.
- Strength for me, Marcia and Janeth and the entire Cano family. 10 months have passed since Luis' temporary absence.
- In February I am about to start classes at the university.
- Continue raising my level of support. I am at 71%.
- Be able to replace the car for the ministry.
- Yajaira Mendoza, Luis' cousin. She was diagnosed with liver and pancreatic cancer. We ask for Safety of Salvation and for her health.
- Marcia is already in her last month of practice to finish university. Pray that she can get a job.
- Janeth can make the decision to continue studying. Wisdom to care for her baby and that she and her partner decide to get married.
- Provision so that our disciples, Christopher Rodriguez and Abel Herrera, can raise the necessary support to enter the Argentine Word of Life Bible Institute in 2024.
- Camp Season 2024. Programming, counselors, preachers and budget.
- **Next Meeting Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 6:00PM EST (**This is a Spanish speaking group)**