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Nedelka Cano Gutierrez

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.**

July 2025

PRAISE

- The English youth camp, attended by almost 200 young people; it was a great blessing.
- The birth of Nasyah, daughter of my classmates Roger and Abi.

PRAYER

- Continue praying for the hotel construction, which is 60% complete.
- Pray for my livelihood, which is currently 73%.
- July will be a month to continue receiving groups of Americans. We will have school visits spreading the gospel.
- Request for employment for Marcia.
- Janeth and Alberto are living with me. I ask for prayer for Janeth's heart, her decisions, and her livelihood. She is still on her course and is learning a lot and being challenged.
- The Camargo Blair family lost their 13-year-old daughter in June. Please pray for comfort. They are members of my church, IBEM.
- Support for Abel Herrera. His plans have changed slightly, and he hopes to study in Guatemala at a Christian university in 2026 to prepare for service to the local church.
- Christopher Rodríguez is in his second year of high school in Argentina and still doesn't have the funds to cover the entire year. Pray for provision for him.