



## MEET

# 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.**

## September 2025

### PRAISE

- I had a weekend off from university, and it just happened to coincide with the Chiriquí tour. It was a gift to be there.

### PRAYER

- On September 14th, we will have our team retreat. May it be a time of renewal, unity, and clear direction from the Lord.
- For my financial support. I'm currently at 73%. I pray for new friends to join in and for constant provision.
- For job opportunities for Marcia and Janeth, who are actively seeking employment.
- Janeth and Alberto are living with me. I ask for prayer for Janeth's heart, her decisions, and for provision so she can begin a university career. This month she began a one-month internship.
- For Abel Herrera and Christopher Rodríguez, disciples of Luis. May the Lord provide them with what they need to continue their studies and advance in their missionary calling.
- For the women's conferences. May the Lord guide every preparation, touch the hearts of the guests, and manifest Himself with power and tenderness.