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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.**

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PRAISE

- * The arrival of Isaac, my new nephew, is the son of Luis's sister. I am grateful for the gift of his life and pray that he grows up under God's care and grace.
- * The visit from the groups of brothers and sisters from the United States, who shared with my church, IBEM, was a blessed time as we served together by distributing food and supporting the children's and youth ministries.
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PRAYER

- 1. Let us pray for the PV Panama ministry, for our director John Fowler, and the EOS team. May the Lord grant them wisdom in every decision, may they remain faithful to His will, and may they receive the provision they need for their lives and for the ministry.
- 2. Please continue to pray for Alberto, my grandson. I ask the Lord for wisdom to know how to support and help him during this confusing time in his life.
- 3. Please pray for my financial support. I currently have 65% of the support I need. I trust that God will continue to provide, raise up new collaborators, and strengthen the faithfulness of those who already support this ministry.
- 4. Please pray for Abel Herrera, who is continuing his theological studies in Guatemala, and for Cristopher Rodríguez, who is studying in Argentina. May God provide everything they need, open the right doors, and strengthen them in the calling He has given them.