



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.**

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PRAISE

- Thank you With gratitude to the Lord:
- For the week of English Camp, where 133 campers participated. We celebrate that 11 gave their lives to Christ, 74 renewed their commitment, and although 21 have not yet made a decision, we give thanks that they heard the gospel and we continue to pray for them.
- Through the provision of a computer, God's answer through the generosity of a family.

PRAYER

- 1. During this month of July, we continue to receive groups of Americans to share the gospel in schools and communities. May God open doors and prepare hearts to hear His word.
- 2. Regarding my grandson Alberto's situation, I pray that his parents understand their responsibility and that God grants me wisdom in how to proceed. I also pray for support so I can care for him during my free time, as he longs to be with me, and it is painful to see him amidst so much instability.
- 3. Regarding my financial support: I currently have 65% of what I need. I pray for new collaborators and for the continued loyalty of those who already accompany me in this ministry.
- 4. For Abel Herrera in his theological studies in Guatemala and for Cristopher Rodríguez in Argentina: may the Lord provide what is necessary, open doors and affirm them in their ministerial calling.