THE BIBLE CHAPEL
OUTREACH MINISTRY

PANAMA



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. Janath made Nedelka a grandma in July 2023 with the birth of a baby boy, Alberto, maned 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.**

October 2026

PRAISE

- 1. The spiritual retreat: I thank the Lord for the time shared with Pastor Ron Moore and Luke and Olivia Mantzell. It was a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and strengthening to continue serving the Lord.
- 2. The Women's Conference: I am grateful for this opportunity to share and learn together. The sisters from Chapel Church were a great blessing through their testimonies, which encouraged and strengthened us in faith.
- 3. God's protection during the powerful earthquake of October 10: I thank the Lord for watching over the Panamanian people during this difficult time. In the midst of the uncertainty, opportunities also arose to share the gospel. Personally, I was able to approach about ten people who were disoriented by what had happened, tell them about Jesus, and show them His love.

PRAYER

- 1. I praise God that we have been able to help the communities affected by the earthquake: We are working to collect donations to bring aid to the communities most in need and to share the gospel. We will do this in coordination with the Word of Life missionaries serving in the two most affected provinces, who, in turn, will work with the pastors of nearby communities to ensure that the aid reaches those who need it most. Let us pray for provision, wisdom, protection, and compassion to serve every family.
- 2. Camp preparations: Let us pray for the planning and logistics, for the team, and for the provision of scholarships so that more young people can participate.
- 3. ACTIVATE 2026: In November, we will have our ACTIVATE gathering, which brings together young people from different churches to discover their spiritual gifts and learn how to put them into practice in service to the Lord. Let us pray for the preparations and that it will be an experience that strengthens their faith and commitment to God.
- 4. Alberto, my grandson: Let us pray for his protection and guidance. Let us also ask the Lord to open doors for Janeth to find stable employment that will bring them peace and security.
- 5. Financial support of the ministry: I have continued to share the ministry's vision and publicize the work God has allowed me to do. Let us pray for new collaborators and for the faithfulness of those who already accompany me, so that the Lord may continue to provide what is necessary to continue serving.
- 6. Abel Herrera, in Guatemala, and Cristopher Rodríguez, in Argentina: Both are in their final semester of the year. Let us pray that they can focus on their studies, prepare well, and have everything they need to complete this stage. Let us also ask the Lord to provide for their return during the end-of-year holidays.