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Nedelka Cano Gutierrez

H E R S T O R Y

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.**

December 2024

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- His love for my life
- Marcia passed the English course and officially finished college.
- I took fifteen days of vacation. I went out with the girls and the dog to the beach.
- I shared the gospel at my church's women's meeting to close the year. I'm excited to see how God uses me.

P R A Y E R

- From December 19 to 22 I will be visiting a church in Panama that is 4 hours from the capital.
- Raising my support, I'm at 71%.
- Youth and children's camp 2025, we are already starting with all the preparations and the construction of the hotel continues.
- Marcia's work contract ends in December, and I ask for prayers so that her contract is renewed or she can find another job.
- Work for Janeth. May she soon be able to study and for Alberto, her son, so that he can find a good place where he can be cared for while he works.
- -upport for Abel Herrera. He is studying at our training school in Panama and wants to enter the Institute in Argentina in 2025. Cristhopher Rodríguez is studying at the Word of Life Institute in Argentina and is soon finishing his first year.