

HEGARTY



Sue
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COSTA RICA

LANGUAGE

Spanish

**MINISTRY
PRIORITIES**

Peace and Justice,
Training and Capacity
Building

BIRTHDAY

4/8



LOCATION
Costa Rica



ABOUT

SUE's ministry in Costa Rica is multi-pronged. She works with the Baptist Federation, training and guiding women to lead Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs. She also serves as a liaison developing fraternal relationships and assisting with ministry projects for American Baptist mission teams visiting Costa Rica. Another part of

her ministry is working with Nicaraguan immigrant women, many of whom are coming out of situations of domestic violence, while at the same time starting over again in a new country. Sue assists with issues such as legalizing their status, housing, skills training and education, as well as providing emotional and spiritual support for these women and their children.



SCAN ME

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After playing soccer in Sue's backyard, the kids rest and improve their reading skills.

“ MINISTRY STORY

Working with immigrant women and children has intensified. We are ministering to one woman who was taken out of elementary school as a child to care for her younger siblings. She never went back and deeply regrets not getting an education, a real obstacle to finding a decent-paying job. Now she cleans a house whose owner has 100 cats! She wants to be self-sufficient and own a bakery selling bread and pastries. Needing a 6th-grade education to attend pastry school, she has completed 3rd and 4th grade at night school and is working on 5th and 6th grade in 2024. We help her with tutoring and bus money so she can fulfill her dream.

While she is working toward her goals, her two youngest children are still at home and relations are sometimes difficult. Her son will often share his thoughts and feelings during his tutoring sessions. He did not experience their father's abuse like his siblings and doesn't realize that his dad is not showing up because he is in trouble with the law. We are trying to stop the chain of generational abuse this family

has lived while also helping them succeed in school. My ministry is one of presence, of regularly hosting people in my home to let God's love and basic principles of healthy living shine through, to bring positive change into their lives.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that committed women will rise up every year to begin new Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs in Costa Rica and in communities where they are most needed.

Pray that the immigrant children and mothers will persevere in their studies, to gain more opportunities.

Pray that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit to push for growth in these families in all areas: spiritually, relationally, job-wise, educationally, etc.

SCRIPTURE

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)