#### **MATOS**



# Luis & Sarah Matos

**MEXICO** 

#### LANGUAGE

Spanish

## MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Discipleship, Education, Economic Development

#### CHILDREN

Nora

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Luis 1/27 Sarah 5/2 Nora 12/15







### **ABOUT**

LUIS and SARAH partner in ministry with Cooperación Bautista Misionera Mesoamericana (COBAMI), a network of churches that serve indigenous communities in Oaxaca, Mexico. With a background in business administration and organizational leadership, Luis works with local churches to empower leaders in

capacity building and community development. Sarah is an educator and trains women to be mentors in the Talita Cumi Girls Club (TCGC). This program offers discipleship, character building and empowerment for underserved girls ages eight to twelve years old. Sarah contributed extensively to the activities and crafts for the TCGC curriculum that founder and colleague, Barbara Bolick, is piloting throughout Latin America. Sarah also is currently an online student in the Master of Divinity program at Palmer Theological Seminary.





Girls chat around the table during Talita Cumi Girls Club.



During our vision trip in April 2022, we visited Oaxaca. Mexico and met with a few women of COBAMI. When Sarah shared with them about the Talita Cumi Girls Club program, they took interest and wanted to be trained. International Ministries colleague, Barbara Bolick, and Sarah trained the women in 2022 and since then, they have been implementing the program through the State of Oaxaca. Currently, together with their mentors, twenty-five girls are learning how to make healthy decisions that will impact their future. Each week, the girls are excited to come to club to learn more about Jesus and how to live out faith, hope, love, courage, moderation, justice and wisdom. They enjoy the conversations, crafts and games they play each time they come to the club. The girls are learning that they are loved by God and created in God's image. The mentors are empowering these girls to rise from their daily challenges to be agents of change in their communities.

COBAMI works with the local churches through integral mission. Part of their ministry's focus is to bring economic development projects to the area through coffee and honey production. They desire to grow the coffee and honey businesses to create both sustainability for farmers and revenue for mission projects within COBAMI. Luis will work alongside the leaders in this capacity, and he looks forward to seeing how God will transform the lives of the coffee farmers and business owners.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray for good transitions for our family to Mexico.

Pray for our family as we learn the culture and language.

Pray for wisdom and guidance as we build mutual trust and relationships with our ministry partners.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Colossians 3:12,14 (NIV)

