

## CARRIÓN-JOSEPH



# Deliris Carrión-Joseph & Moise Joseph

## MEXICO

### LANGUAGE

Spanish  
English  
Creole  
French

### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Health and Wellness,  
Peace and Justice

### BIRTHDAY

8/21



### LOCATION

Mexico



### ABOUT

Deliris and Moise are starting a new ministry among Haitian, Central American, and African migrants that have made their new home in Tijuana, Mexico.

Moise is a business entrepreneur, and Deliris is a pastor and occupational therapist. They have been invited by Visión

de Migrante, an organization formed by Haitians and Baptist Churches of the Regional Baja Convention interested in helping migrants.

Moise and Deliris strongly believe that God uses us all wherever we live and that new opportunities are open for those who trust in the Lord. They will be using their skills and three different languages to help migrants and migrant communities to achieve their new beginnings.



### MINISTRY STORY

“Welcome” is a meaningful word. It encompasses joy and appreciation, openness to the unknown, and willingness to serve the needs of strangers.

In 2016, a silent caravan of mainly Haitians and Africans arrived in Tijuana. It had been a long and very difficult journey. They had been hired in their countries of origin and transported to Brazil to build the Sports Centers for the 2016 Olympics and the Soccer World Cup, but when the construction was completed, they had been left unemployed and far from home. The majority of them did not speak Spanish or English—they spoke Creole, French, and some Portuguese.

These refugees had traveled from Brazil to Tijuana by bus and on foot. Their goal was to ask the United States for humanitarian visas, which some of them received at the beginning. When things got difficult for them to enter the U.S., the Mexican government offered them residency and allowed them to work.

In spite of the language barrier, they found a way to begin a new life and the opportunity to help their loved ones back in their countries. Baptist churches in Tijuana opened the doors for them to come and worship, and even those who do not speak Spanish have been blessed to be able to worship in community.

In November 2018, a new caravan of migrants came to Tijuana from Central America. Even though they speak Spanish,

they have faced much more discrimination than the earlier group of migrants.

In order to receive legal status in Mexico, the migrants formed a civil association called Visión de Migrante (Migrant's Vision). They are asking for help in the development of a Migrant Community Center. They want to learn Spanish and receive orientation about the prevention of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. They need for medical clinics, child care, and other services. Many of them want a place where they can worship God in their own languages and traditions. The Center will also serve as a place for them to use their many talents for the benefit of the communities that have welcomed them.

God is calling us to serve these migrants and make them feel not only welcomed, but appreciated.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

God's guidance and wisdom as we are entering a new ministry.

Financial provision for the Community Center and place of worship.

Compassion and understanding towards migrants in Tijuana and around the world.

God's provision for our financial support.

### SCRIPTURE

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in....”*

Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

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