

GONZÁLEZ-BARNES



Mercy González-Barnes

REGIONAL

LANGUAGES

Spanish
English

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Theological Education

BIRTHDAY

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LOCATION

Iberoamerica and the Caribbean



ABOUT

MERCY is a regional consultant in theological education and leadership development in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. Mercy teaches, mentors, and walks alongside men and women who are following God's call in their lives. She works with colleagues and local leaders to provide resources, retreats,

and workshops. Mercy is also part of a team of global servants who collaborate with Palmer Theological Seminary in their online master's degree, offering theological studies in Spanish. Online learning makes higher education accessible to many people from countries in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean.



SCAN ME

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Mercy teaches a class.

“ MINISTRY STORY

Every day that I was in Ecuador for the Latin ministry residency, I had to walk up four flights of steps to reach the classroom. With the altitude in Quito being 9,350 feet, I would have to stop a few times to catch my breath. Although we had a beautiful view of the city from a wall of windows, I was looking forward to leaving so I could breathe.

One day, after taking student pictures outside, a student asked to speak with me. We sat down in a private place where she shared through tears about her struggles to be respected as a woman in ministry. I listened quietly and then we prayed. Suddenly I heard voices calling for me and I realized I had lost track of time. This was during the pandemic and an employee from a local lab was waiting to draw my blood for a COVID test. To my surprise, I ran and did not even become short of breath.

Afterward, I thought about my own struggles in life and how the Holy Spirit

puts us in the right place to be a blessing. Each experience in ministry is a new adventure, and I have learned that God walks with me and gives me what I need to serve him, yes, even down to the ability to breathe.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that I am able to reach my personal support goal to fund this ministry.

Prayers for my family: my husband Rick, my adult children Aida, Rich, and Josh and especially for my grandson Teddy.

Pray for God to use and guide me in my doctoral studies on mission and leadership and as I share my passion for ministry with local churches.

SCRIPTURE

“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands.”

Psalm 138:7-8 (NIV)