

## VINDAS



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**COSTA RICA**

### LANGUAGES

English  
Spanish

### MINISTRY PRIORITY

Theological Education

### BIRTHDAY

2/7



### LOCATION

Costa Rica



### ABOUT

RUTH's ministry in Costa Rica as an international associate global servant focuses on theological education. She is a faculty member of the Latin American Biblical University (UBL), a seminary founded in 1923 that prepares pastors and leaders to serve churches throughout Latin America and in various institutions

that do community work. Ruth teaches courses in Christian education, practical theology, pastoral accompaniment and specific pastoral ministries. She is a campus chaplain to the students and facilitates workshops for women on gender issues. As a member of the coordinating team, she assists with the Talita Cumi Girls' Club program. Ruth earned a master's degree at the National University of Costa Rica in human rights and peace. She is married with four children and two grandchildren.



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Camp with the girls of Talita Cumi Girls' Club.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

*A testimony of Fátima Miranda, UBL student:*

Before I knew about Universidad Bíblica Latin-Americana (UBL), I visited many churches because I wanted to serve God. I always carried a little bag of coins in case someone was in need. When I went to hospitals, I helped patients by telling them about God to give them the hope to keep fighting.

However, inside me there was a need to prepare better so that I could serve with more excellence. I thought UBL was only for priests and pastors. On one occasion, I had the opportunity to lead a workshop there, and it was then that I realized that I could also study there. Thanks to a scholarship, I started my high school courses, and I am about to finish. My wish is to continue with my bachelor's degree and develop my knowledge to work in education with the children who need it so much.

I have learned a lot at UBL, but it has not been easy. I have always counted on the help of my professors. They are all very prepared and professional. They guide us

and help us with any questions we have. They treat the students well with a very warm attention—you can feel how they love their work, and they do it with a lot of dedication from the heart. I thank my teacher Ruth Vindas who, as coordinator of the student pastoral, is always present to accompany us and guide us whenever we need it.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that with God's help I can continue to build my ministry of teaching practical theology at the UBL and that it will respond to the necessities and reality of our continent.

Pray that the pastoral accompaniment that I offer the students can be more assertive as time passes.

Pray for my personal and family's well-being.

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### SCRIPTURE

*"Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here!'"*

Exodus 33:15 (NIV)