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Deliris Carrión-Joseph Begins Ministry in Mexico



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The Rev. [Deliris Carrión-Joseph](#), an International Ministries (IM) missionary since 1998, began a new ministry serving at Deborah’s House in Tijuana, Mexico, in January 2016.

In describing this new work, the Rev. Adalia Gutiérrez Lee, area director for Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, says: “Occupational therapy and pastoral counseling are two of the many areas where Deliris is able to bring support to women and children at Deborah’s House. I am confident that God will use her gifts to transform those former victims of domestic violence into thriving instruments of God’s peace in this world.”

Carrión-Joseph’s IM ministry began in El Salvador where she served for 10 years as the chaplain and Christian education coordinator of The Baptist School of San Salvador. She was

also a professor of Christian education and pastoral counseling at the Latin American Seminary. After the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Deliris was invited by the Haitian Baptist Convention to minister in Port au Prince as an occupational therapist and to coordinate visiting groups that helped with the reconstruction of schools and homes.

Carrión-Joseph is an ordained American Baptist pastor, and before becoming a missionary she worked as a pediatric occupational therapist in Puerto Rico. This dual pastoral-therapy focus will continue in her new work in Mexico, as a visit to Deborah's House from July 30 through August 6 of last year revealed. She writes: "I was able to minister pastorally to the women and children there who are in need of love, encouragement, care and someone who listens without judging them. I also had opportunities to teach a mother how to work therapeutically with her special-needs son and to show a young some exercises so that he could better perform daily activities after having broken his wrist."

God will be using Carrión-Joseph's personal faith journey as well in this new ministry. She reflects: "I have seen God's grace and mercy in mighty ways, giving me faith, wisdom, strength and endurance. I know the truth of Psalm 18:30-'As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.'"

Words of encouragement for Deliris may be sent to deliris.carrion-joseph@internationalministries.org.

Learn more about Deliris Carrión-Joseph's ministry and see photos and videos on her [profile](#) page.

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