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Background:

How do you serve in GCI? What is your role in your local congregation or the denomination as a whole? Currently, I am the pastor of the GCI church in Mexico City. Also, since I was 12, I have been part of the praise group.

What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry? I really enjoy being part of GCI, because they provide support and constantly equip their team of leaders. In GCI, I have learned to live and share the gospel, through its people you can live the grace of God. We are a family!

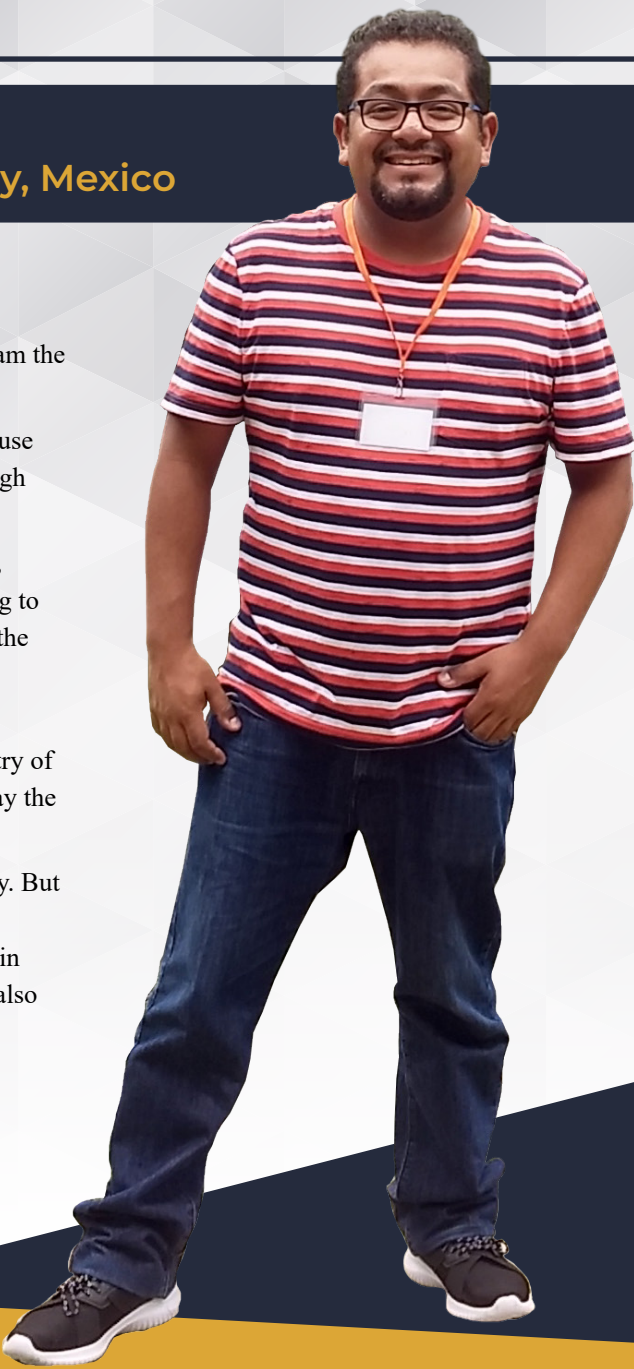
What is your ministry or calling? My calling has three parts: praise, young people and being a pastor. From a young age, God placed me in the ministry of praise, and it was there that I began to develop my talent in music. Over time, the calling to be a pastor developed and a new stage began in my life. I enjoy being a pastor! During my formation, God has given me the gift of connecting with young people and it is the place where I have begun to be challenged to serve this area of society. Currently, I am organizing youth camps. My desire is to be able to embrace them in the love of Jesus Christ.

What is the legacy you hope to leave? The legacy I would like to leave is to be inspiration to others to serve in the ministry of Christ. Throughout history, many can see that the power of the Holy Spirit continues to manifest itself to all mankind. May the church of Jesus Christ continue to grow. It is a privilege to be part of this story.

Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry? There are many people who have been supporting my ministry. But there are three people that I thank very much: Lorenzo Arroyo, who has been my pastor, mentor and teacher in Theology. Heber Ticas: He was the first to tell me that one day I would be a pastor, and since then, he hasn't stopped supporting me in my personal and ministerial growth. He has been a great blessing to my life. Greg Williams: He has inspired me and has also supported me greatly.

If you could describe your congregation in one sentence, what would you say? We are a church that embraces people, which is generous in every way and cheerful by nature. When you visit our church, you are really at home.

Where do you go to have fun where you live? One of the riches of Mexico is its history. Therefore, in my city there are many museums, cultural venues and many emblematic places to visit for fun.



Get to Know Natanael

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1. For what are you most grateful? I appreciate my life. Who I am today, what I know today and what I live and learn day after day.
2. What are 5 things you can't live without? The music, the church, my friends, my girlfriend, and tacos.
3. Describe your perfect day: My perfect day would be to be in the forest, having a delicious coffee, having a good talk and listening to jazz music in the background.

4. Favorite scripture? The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14
5. Struggle or life lesson you would like to share: Serving God is a beautiful gift from heaven, value it!
6. Everyone who knows you knows you love: Music. I'm a pianist and I love music.



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