

# PAULINA SALINAS

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## *Tell us about your role in your local congregation.*

In the Bogotá congregation, I reach out to the members of the community and am interested in understanding their needs so that our church can mobilize to help them. I focus on building and maintaining strong, healthy relationships within the church. At an organizational level, I assist those who lead the Faith, Hope, and Love Avenues, and Ministries. I believe that there cannot be a church without prayer; therefore, I emphasize weekly prayer groups.

## *What skills do you bring to the role?*

I am a good listener; I am interested in knowing our members in depth — their dreams, their needs, their joys, and, of course, their struggles. I also enjoy teaching the word of God. I am passionate about sharing the good news, discussing, and meditating on the scriptures. Finally, I have learned to coordinate church events and gatherings and to orient people to discover how they can participate using their own strengths.

## *What excites you about this role?*

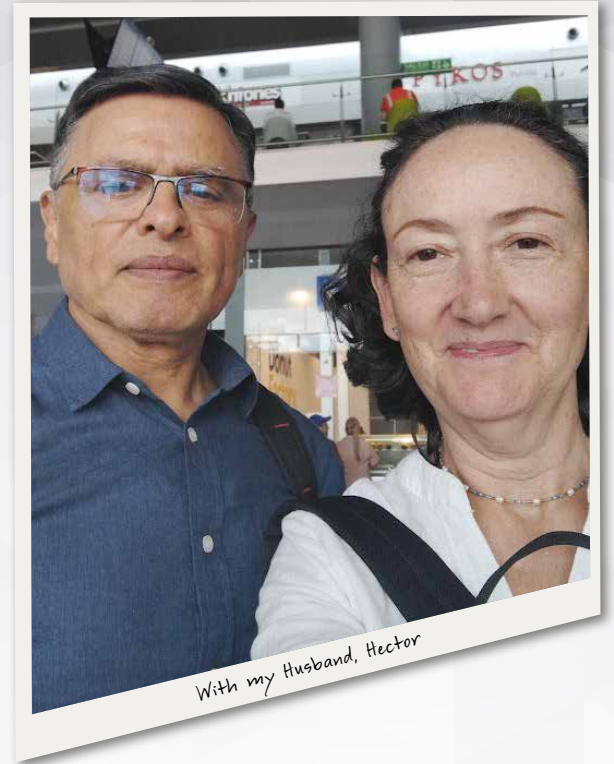
What excites me about this role is the opportunity to see people develop a personal relationship with Christ. It is profoundly rewarding to witness individuals transforming as they connect more deeply with their faith.

## *What are the challenges?*

One of the challenges is providing opportunities for others to serve. It's essential to teach and mentor new volunteers effectively, ensuring they are equipped to contribute meaningfully.

## *Can you share a memorable experience or testimony from your time in this role?*

We conceived the idea of launching a discipleship program five years ago. More than seventy students successfully completed the certified program. I guided the groups in Bogotá's congregation; my husband, Hector, guided classes for pastors and leaders in Latin America. These classes fostered unity and connection within the congregation and across the region. We prayed together, grew as a team, and deepened our understanding of the scriptures in a significant way.



## Get to Know Paulina



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### **What do you want people to know about serving here?**

Serving in the church fills you with joy and satisfaction, but it is a constant challenge. As it says in John 15, the only way we can serve is by being united to the Lord Jesus. And we are committed to the vision of Healthy Church.

2.

### **What else is important for our readers to know?**

I enjoy having church members over for dinner at my house, and I am deeply grateful that my children and their wives are involved in developing a healthy church.

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### **What is something people don't know about you?**

I don't like to be in the spotlight. I just want people to feel loved, included, and welcomed.

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### **What are some core values that guide your life and influence your approach to ministry?**

First, a core value is my relationship with God, which I have developed through Bible study and times of prayer; second, guiding the vision of a healthy church focused on God's kingdom. I have a deep commitment to and calling for the mission of Christ. Family is one of my core values, and I cherish spending quality time with them.

***“I have an unending passion for Christ, his word, and the calling we have as a church.”***