

JOSÉ LOPEZ

MTC Coordinator

What is your role in your local congregation or the denomination as a whole?

My primary role in my congregation, Sun Valley, California, is assisting the pastor in preaching and teaching. In addition, I am always available to serve in any area that is needed. Beginning in 2025, my role in GCI will be coordinating the Ministry Training Center (MTC) in Sun Valley and Hawthorne, California.

How did you connect with GCI?

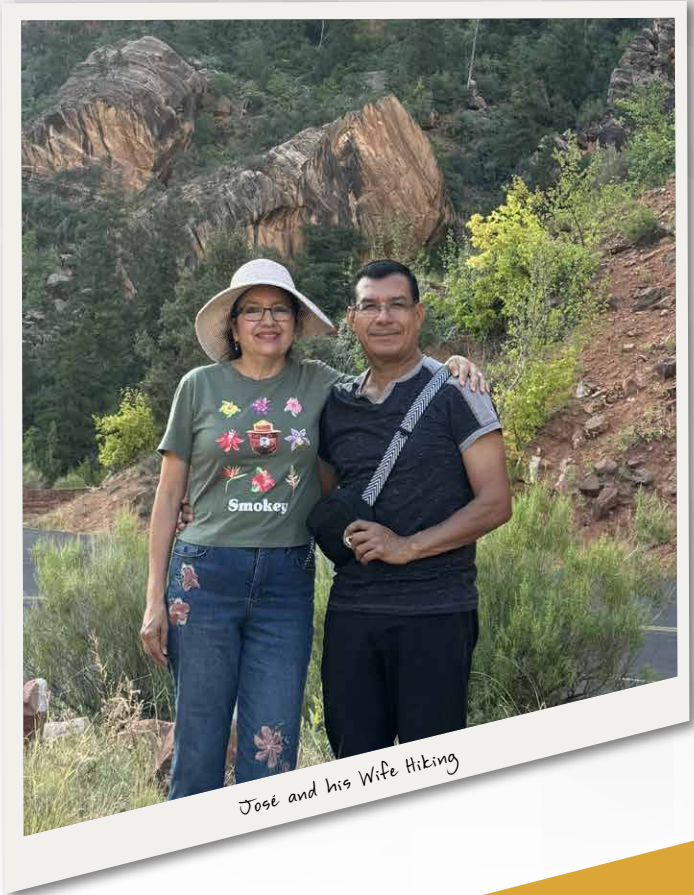
At the end of 2020, I was invited by Pastor Ochoa to preach at GCI-Hawthorne, California. At that time, my wife and I were looking to connect with a local church that had reopened after the pandemic. We saw an opportunity to serve with Pastor Ochoa who welcomed us and allowed us to serve facilitating the Sunday School youth group.

What makes you a good fit as MTC Coordinator?

From January 2001 to mid-2011, I served as the coordinator of the Hispanic School of Theology in Bellflower, California. I gained experience, not only in the technical aspect of the job, but in the relational aspect of working with pastors and leaders. I believe that God will use the skills I learned to serve those who will participate in our MTC.

What excites you about this role?

One of my core values is formal education. Due to economic conditions, many of the leaders who come from Latin America have not had the opportunity to receive a proper education.



Jose and his Wife Hiking

Get to Know José



Hawthorne's Ministry Training Center



Jose's Family at Abigail's Graduation



Ordination to Pastoral Ministry

1.

For what are you most grateful?

Without my wife and children, life would be boring.

2.

What is one of your greatest accomplishments?

I'm proud to have helped my children complete their college education.

3.

Describe your perfect day:

A perfect day is waking up knowing that my wife and my three children are home to share breakfast. Then we would take a short trip, maybe to the mall or the beach. We return home to grill meat, share a movie, and have a good cup of coffee.

4.

Favorite scripture?

Hebrews 13:5 "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

5.

Everyone who knows you knows you love:

Salvadorean food.

6.

How do you experience/feel close to God?

I usually feel close to God when I am in nature or taking time to worship.

7.

Where do you go to have fun where you live?

I love to hike and run in outdoor places like the beach, parks, mountains, or my own neighborhood. I like Yosemite, Utah National Park, and the Grand Canyon.

"I am excited that GCI is investing in providing ways for formal education to be part of the development of our leaders."