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Cherry and Terma Gamboa are originally from Honduras and belong to the Garifuna people, an ethnic group that has spread across the United States and Europe. They are grateful for the opportunity to serve in the Bronx, NY, where Cherry pastors Iglesia Bautista G M Redención.



Ministry Approach

During the warm months, they visit parks for evangelistic campaigns and distribute tracts to reach the lost. In colder months, they focus on house-to-house visitation and personal discipleship to strengthen believers and share the gospel.

Ministry Goals

Their vision extends beyond the Bronx as they pray for opportunities to plant churches in:

- Houston, Texas
- Ohio
- Nanuet, New York

People They Serve

Their ministry is multicultural, reaching:

- Garifuna-speaking individuals
- English speakers
- Spanish speakers

Challenges

The Bronx has many churches, but the true gospel is often distorted. Preaching sound doctrine is a significant challenge, but God has been faithful.

Religious Landscape

The Bronx, a city of 1.5 million people, is home to various religious groups, including:

- Pentecostal churches (most prominent evangelical presence)
- Muslims
- Jehovah's Witnesses

An estimated 40% of the population identifies as Christian, but many lack a solid biblical foundation.

Prayer Requests

- A larger space for worship – The church is currently renting a small facility, but growth in attendance means they will soon outgrow their space.
- Rescuing young people from gangs – They have a thriving youth ministry and need room to welcome more families and young people seeking transformation.
- New church plants – Praying for doors to open in Houston, Ohio, and Nanuet, NY.