



Gelvi Urribarri

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH (LATIN AMERICAN)

About the Family

Sandra (now my wife) and I fell in love in Venezuela. Sandra and her family immigrated from Venezuela to Canada in March 1989. A few months later (June), I immigrated to Canada. I proposed, and we married September 22, 1990.

Now, 25 years later, my family and I are active members of Emanuel Baptist Church in Toronto. I sing and guide the worship team at Emmanuel. In December 2013, I was approved as a NAMB church planter apprentice. The following year, I was ordained into the ministry by Emanuel Baptist Church.

Sandra disciples young adults and organizes the annual VBS. Our oldest daughter, Sara, is a chef and loves to plan events and create special menus for church events. Our oldest son, Jose, plays drums or the keyboard during worship and our youngest son, Gelvi Jr., shows God's love through the teaching of soccer.

About the Church Plant

We are part of a mother church vision (Emmanuel Baptist Church). This vision is to plant 20 churches by the year 2020. And at the moment we are praying and working toward the simultaneous planting of five new congregations in 2015. With the help and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ, I'm going to be planting one of those churches in the Jane and Finch area of Toronto.

The new church name is Emanuel Baptist Church North. Our vision is to reach the Spanish-speaking population, which is constantly growing in this city. We are already gathering in a small group to worship, pray, study the Bible and to plan our outreach strategies.

Find out how you can

- Pray.
- Participate.
- Provide.

PRAY.

- For the spiritual growth of our core group and my family.
- For wisdom in guiding and leading God's people.
- That God would strengthen my marriage as we face the daily challenges of balancing family, church and work responsibilities.

PARTICIPATE.

- Partner with us in prayer. Pray for Vision 2020, which is to plant 20 Southern Baptist Hispanic churches in the GTA by 2020. Bring a prayerwalking team to pray for Latin Americans living in the GTA.
- Join our Hispanic network. Connect us with your Hispanic friends. Tell your friends about the new Hispanic church.

PROVIDE.

There are numerous ways to help a church plant. Please visit sendnetwork.com/planterfunding for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

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