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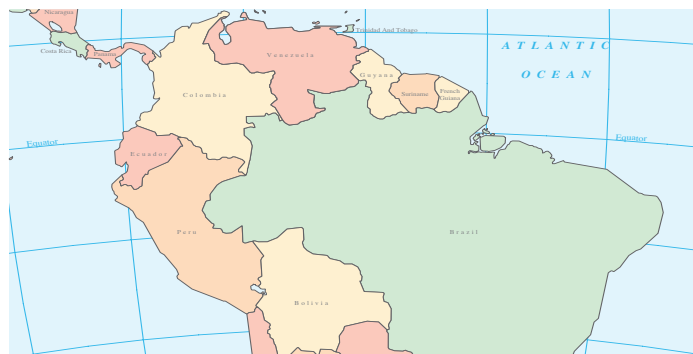
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**Latin America Social Ministries Coordinator
& Missionary Educators**

Having served for over 35 years as career missionaries, Rick and Jan are now helping to coordinate and promote the many social ministry expressions of the Church of God in Latin America, while educating a new generation of Latin American missional leaders to do holistic ministry.

Holding undergraduate and graduate degrees from Lee University and Fuller Theological Seminary in education and missiology, the Waldrops first served in the Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica, where they raised four children, including two adopted daughters. They now have six grandchildren!

In Central America, Dr. Waldrop's pioneering ministry in theological education was instrumental in establishing alternative programs for hundreds of pastors and church leaders in contexts of poverty, violence and oppression. In 1986, they established the Casa Shalom Home for Children and community outreach in Guatemala, where Jan served as director for eight years. Casa Shalom was the first of its kind in Church of God World Missions and it



helped spark a new movement of social action among other missionaries and national leaders. Casa Shalom continues as a flagship of holistic ministry of healing and hope for victimized children, offering spiritual formation, educational opportunities and medical attention to both those who call it home and to those in the surrounding villages.

Most recently Rick served as professor of world mission at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary and was instrumental in developing and teaching in a new inter-cultural studies program at the South American Seminary in Quito, Ecuador, with the vision of equipping and mobilizing the hundreds of Latin American young people who are responding to God's call to cross-cultural mission. Now the Waldrops have returned to Ecuador where the Church of God Office of Social Ministries is being established in partnership with the hundreds of ministry projects across the region.



"As the center of gravity of global Christianity continues to shift toward the Southern Hemisphere, it is clear that Latin American Pentecostals, and other majority-world Christians, are uniquely gifted by God for this new era of mission history and are able to minister in areas inaccessible to traditional North American missionaries. God's liberating mission is holistic, and Latin American Pentecostals are poised to effectuate major social transformation across the region, while reaching out as missionaries to the least evangelized people of the world! The time is truly right for Latin American missionaries to take the Whole Gospel to the Whole World. Please join us in this most worthy effort as we serve and encourage our colleagues!"

Rick and Jan Waldrop

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