Rev. Gustavo and Ruth Maita
Pastor and Teacher
Serving the Lord in Puerto Rico

Ruth Maita has served the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as a missionary in the Latin America and the Caribbean region from 2013–2015, and again from 2018–present. In 2017, Ruth married Gustavo Maita, who attended Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and they now serve together in Puerto Rico. In her role as a missionary teacher and outreach assistant, Ruth uses her background in education to lead educational outreach at LCMS mercy centers in Puerto Rico established by LCMS Disaster Response following the impact of Hurricane Maria on the area. She also supports her husband in his ministry as pastor of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and provides musical accompaniment for the church's services.

Ruth was born in St. Thomas, Ontario. She received bachelor's degrees in mathematics and education in Canada, and certification as a Lutheran educator through Concordia University Education Network's online colloquy program. In between her service as a GEO missionary in the Dominican Republic from 2013–2015 and her current service, Ruth taught at St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Myers, Fla. In her free time, Ruth enjoys cleaning her home and gardening.

Gustavo was born in Maturin, Venezuela, and received a bachelor's degree in theology from Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Argentina. From 2017–2022, he served as a regional disaster response coordinator for LCMS Disaster Response, and since April 2018 has also served as pastor of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz in Mayaguez. In his free time, Gustavo enjoys cooking, BBQing, and doing "handy-man" jobs such as building and fixing things.

Please pray for the Maitas as they serve in Puerto Rico. Pray that God would grant them steadfastness as He guides them in their service. Ask God to give them opportunities to connect students with the church. Pray also for their children, Mikhaela and Isaiah, who work alongside them and bring joy to many. Let us give thanks to God for Ruth and Gustavo's service to God's children in this part of the world.

BIRTHDAYS: Ruth – March 6, Gustavo – Jan. 24, Mikhaela – Aug. 15, Isaiah – Oct. 4

ANNIVERSARY: May 27

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