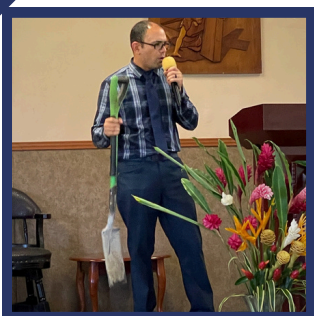




Desi and Rachel LUGO New Zealand



GLOBAL MISSIONS SERVICE



Desi and Rachel Lugo are both ordained ministers with the UPCI and before transitioning to Global Missions, they served in many different capacities at churches in California, Missouri, Delaware, and Louisiana. In April 2021, they moved to the South Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu first as AIMers, and then as Associate Missionaries. During their two years in Vanuatu, they taught at the GATS Bible school, wrote exams and supplemental curriculum, and helped with the school administration. They also preached at local churches across the main island, taught various ministry training seminars, and helped implement a new discipleship program across all the churches on the main island. At the end of their two years of service, the Regional Director asked the Lugos to change fields to New Zealand to help with the Bible school and plant churches on the South Island. Their target city is Dunedin, a university town and the second-largest urban area on the South Island. The Lugos are excited about planting a new church in this strategic city and continuing involvement in Bible school training the next generation of church leaders.