



## Emma Pirela

### CLARKSTON INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH

### About the Family

Hello, my name is Emma Pirela. My husband, Francisco, and I serve refugees in Clarkston, Ga.

I grew up as a missionary kid working with refugees in Europe and later in the Carolinas. From a very early age, I felt the call to serve the Lord in missions working with displaced people. In 2020, I moved to Clarkston where I have been able to lead in tangible ministry.

Francisco is originally from Venezuela, but grew up in South Florida. I met him in 2021 when he came to Clarkston on a short-term trip. The Lord broke his heart for the lost and the nations who were coming to our city. We began a relationship, and he was able to relocate to Clarkston in 2022 and join in the ministry happening here. We got married in April 2023.

The Lord has been so faithful to bring us to Clarkston to be part of the work here.

### About My Ministry

Although Clarkston is considered a small town, it is the most densely populated ZIP code in all of Georgia. It is known as the Ellis Island of the South because refugees from every continent have been resettled here. There are more than 120 different people groups in Clarkston, with 90 of those being unreached people groups.

As new refugee families come into our community, my heart is to be the hands and feet of Jesus as I build relationships and meet needs. I also strive to mobilize the local church to step into the lives of our foreign neighbors by leading “Good Neighbor Teams.”

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

#### PRAY.

Pray for boldness to share the gospel and open hearts among refugee families.  
Pray for local churches, that they would embrace the mission.  
Pray for stamina and longevity for ministry amidst attacks from the enemy.

#### PARTICIPATE

Build relationships with missionaries and their families.  
Send notes of encouragement.  
Learn birthdays and anniversaries, so you can send gifts and cards.

#### PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources.  
Support a missionary financially.