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Margaret and Ernesto met at university when he tutored her in Spanish. They were married in 1975 and have four children. When they went to Peru to visit his family, Margaret complained that she barely understood Spanish and on a whim, decided to learn sign language so they could communicate in signs if she could not understand those around her. Ernesto was working as an interpreter for the deaf and in Spanish and Margaret was a self-employed florist when they felt led to go to Peru and start a deaf ministry. They left without sponsorship but with prayer and financial support from their home church. They got started with deaf American missionaries who needed help and were working among the Peruvian deaf. They also began to train others in sign language. Eventually, they became affiliated with Scripture Union and also began to evangelize and disciple those in the deaf community. They also began a ministry to street children that developed into two self-supporting programs for street children in Peru. They returned to Florida to help coordinate and develop similar programs with street children and the deaf in other Scripture Union movements in Latin America. In 2007, they returned to Peru and are developing relationships with the government to assist the deaf population of Peru. They also run an educational program for deaf children and their families.

First Evangelical Free Church of Maine has supported the Zavalas since 1987.

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