



This is Mirta Barreto. She is from Paraguay. She is working as the Aregua Deaf Church pastor, and Deaf Educational Center director. Her working experience with deaf people started in 1988.

Her first contact with Sign Writing was in 2008. At first Sign Writing was weird for her, and she rejected it, but she attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the North Dakota Institute in 2009, 2010, and 2011. At SIL UND she attended the Sign Language Phonetic class and several Sign Languages courses. Since there she changed her perspective completely about SignWriting.

She started literacy classes with isolated deaf people in Paraguay in 2009 and started to introduce SignWriting in the LSPy literacy pilot project in 2011.

As coordinator of the LSPy project, a project dedicated to translate the Bible into the Paraguayan Sign Language (LSPy), and Literacy project she is building a picture multilingual dictionary (LSPy, Spanish, Guarani, and English) and also Bible stories in SignWriting.

Mirta will be presenting her PhD dissertation about Deaf Literacy in a Trilingual context in October 2014. She speaks Spanish, Guarani, English, and Paraguayan Sign Language.