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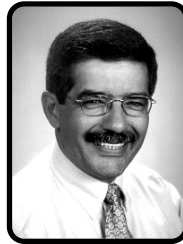
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Getting to the Sierra from very distant places is not the only challenge. The women from the city and those from the rural areas will have to live together for four days in very different conditions than they are accustomed. They will have to plan, purchase and prepare meals together, and cope with language differences. Most importantly, they will organize and worship together blending their traditions into one meaningful experience.

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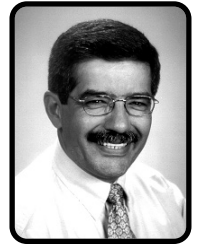
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