



Latin American Doctoral Program in Theology “PRODOLA”

Postgraduate School of Theological Sciences
Evangelical University of the Americas (UNELA)
Preparing leaders in God's service - Ephesians 4:12



Brief Biographical Sketches of “PRODOLA” Students, Generation 2004



Pictured: Generation 2004 students with “PRODOLA” faculty and staff, February 2004 (Left) and August 2004 (Right)

1. **Cuahtemoc Angulo** is from Mexico. A leader in the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, Cuahtemoc was recently elected the President of the Synod of the Gulf. He is on the faculty of the Presbyterian seminary in Villa Hermosa, Tabasco. He wants to investigate what would be the shape of a theologically deep, missiologically engaged, and contextually appropriate program of leadership formation for southeastern Mexico.
2. **Jorge E. Castillo** is from Venezuela. He is presently Assistant Director of the Evangelical Seminary in Caracas and also pastors a church there. He plans to study the theological repercussions for the church of recent and future genetic advancements.
3. **Munir Chiquie Nacif** is from Bolivia. A pastor and professor among the Pentecostal churches in Bolivia, Munir is interested in studying the pedagogy of reconciliation.
4. **John S. Cruz** is from Honduras and serves as the Latin American Director of INSTE, the Theological Institute by Extension that has over 2000 church students in Latin America. He also pastors a church in Honduras. He will study Orlando Costas' model of integral church growth as an instrument for measuring other church growth models prevalent in Latin America.
5. **Expedito Ferreira De Melo** is the National Superintendent of the Church of God in Brazil. He will examine a biblical, contextual, and transforming ecclesiology in the context of Brasilia.
6. **Freddy Guerrero** is from Ecuador. A Nazarene pastor, professor and mission mobilizer, Freddy is the director of the Center for Integral Family Ministries, and director of the Latin American Foundation for Theological Studies in Quito, Ecuador. He is interested in studying the missional and interdisciplinary components for the construction of ecclesial transformational communities of faith among Nazarenes of Ecuador.
7. **Jose G. Liendo** is from Venezuela and is a psychologist who pastors a church and teaches at the Evangelical Seminary in Caracas. He plans to investigate a wholistic approach to the understanding and development of children and adolescents in the church.

8. **Alan Lopez Cerezo** is from Ecuador. A Nazarene pastor, writer, counselor and radio preacher, Alan wants to investigate the use of radio in the psychological, social, therapeutic, emotional and spiritual dynamics that impact the families of church leaders and pastors.
9. **Cesar Marques** is from Brazil. A Presbyterian pastor, Cesar is on the faculty of the South American Theological Seminary in Londrina, Brazil. He will be investigating the possible theological contributions that the thought of Jürgen Habermas can offer for a missiologically contextual communication of the Gospel in Brazil.
10. **Valter Moura** is from Brazil and is the pastor of a congregation in Brasilia. A Presbyterian seminary professor, and church planter, he was for many years a pastor among Brazilians on the East Coast of the U.S. Valter wants to analyze and evaluate the cultural, theological, spiritual and social dynamics that impact Brazilian immigrants as they become part of the larger society and the churches in North America.
11. **Hector B. Olea Cordero**, from the Dominican Republic, is Director of Christian Education for the Christian Reformed Churches in that country. He will study the need for, and shape of, a missionary church in the Dominican Republic.
12. **Cesar Parra** is from Ecuador. A pastor, theologian and educator, Cesar is heavily involved in development projects in Ecuador. His ministry has included crisis intervention, natural disasters, public health and education, and AIDS ministries, among others. He wants to do in-depth research about the theological, pastoral and socio-economic factors that influence the relationship of mission and development, studying especially the implications of these dynamics for leadership formation and mission administration.
13. **Horacio R. Piccardo** from Buenos Aires, Argentina, has completed a Ph.D. in Electronic Engineering. He is presently a pastor and also professor of the Buenos Aires Bible Institute. His studies will center on the construction of a biblical theology of mission, based on a conflict worldview, for the Latin American Church.
14. **Sergio Saavedra Belmonte** is from Bolivia. Sergio is a pastor, theologian and educator. As one of the principle education consultants for the Christian schools in Bolivia, he has been invited by the Bolivian government to develop a plan whereby a biblical Christian worldview may be integrated into the teaching of mathematics, languages, social sciences, and natural sciences in the primary schools of Bolivia.
15. **Valdeci Lopes Silva** is a Presbyterian and serves as the pastor of the Chapel of Reconciliation in northern Brazil. Valdeci is concerned about the formation of a new generation of pastors for the churches in Brazil, and is concerned about the wide gulf between the seminaries and the local churches, recognizing that both arenas are essential for the integral pastoral formation of church leaders. Valdeci wants to research how the two could partner together for a new paradigm of leadership formation in Brazil.
16. **Fernando Soto** is from Chile and lives in California. Author of two books, Fernando is a cross-cultural missionary, church planter and pastor in the Christian Churches, North America. He wants to research some aspect of planting multicultural churches in Southern California.
17. **Rosario Vega Garcia** is from Ecuador and lives in Guayaquil. A medical doctor in dentistry, Rosario is heavily involved in leadership formation and church development. She is a professor and academic dean of the Biblical Seminary of the Assemblies of God in Guayaquil and hope to research some aspect of pastoral formation in the context of coastal Ecuador.
18. **Javier Velazquez Jaramillo** is from Peru, and lives in Paraguay. Javier is a graduate of Columbia Bible College and Wheaton Graduate School, and has served as a pastor and theological educator in Baptist and Christian and Missionary Alliance churches in several Latin American countries. He is presently the Director of the School for Pastors and Church Workers in Paraguay. Javier wants to compare four major institutions of theological education in Latin America, examining their models of ministry formation and analyzing their effectiveness in fostering the development of a contextual theology that is appropriate to the Latin American reality.

Brief Biographical Sketches of “PRODOLA” Students, Generation 2005



Pictured: Generation 2004 and 2005 students with “PRODOLA” faculty and staff, February 2005 (Left) and August 2005 (Right)

1. **Jhonny Alicea-Baez** was born in Puerto Rico, grew up in New York City and now lives in California. Originally from a Pentecostal background, Jhonny pastored several congregations of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and also served as Director of the Hispanic Ministries Council of the RCA. Presently he supervises RCA mission programs in Latin America. Rev. Alicea-Baez wants to investigate the history of the Latino branch of Reformed Church in America.
2. **Valeria Motta Barreto Dos Santos** is Brazilian Presbyterian and is involved with her husband in church planting in Brazil. She is a Seminary professor and the coordinator for the extension education of the South American Theological Faculty of Londrina, Brazil. Her focus of study will be an analysis of the image of pastors' wives within the structures of the Evangelical churches of Londrina, Brazil.
3. **Dino Caroca Escribano** is a Pentecostal bank executive and seminary professor in Chile. He is the administrator of the National Biblical Institute of Chile and part of the leadership of a large urban Chilean church. His area of interest is the spirituality and religion of upper middle class evangelicals in Santiago.
4. **María Eugenia Cornou** is Argentine. She was the administrative director of the International Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires and professor in the area of Biblical Interpretation. With her husband, Valdir Franca who is also a student of “PRODOLA”, she is ministering in Maimi, Florida. Her interest is the hermeneutical and missiological contributions of Latin American women theologians.
5. **Luis Augusto Correa Bueno** is a Brazilian pastor involved in mission mobilization and in creating training programs for missions and church planting in Brazil. Until recently he was the Director of the Presbyterian Seminary of the North. His area of investigation is the contributions of the Lausanne Covenant to the practice of incarnational mission among evangelical churches in northeast Brazil.
6. **Fernando de Oliveira Cintra** is a Brazilian Baptist pastor. Having pastored the last ten years in the same local church he has seen membership go from 250 to 900, with the planting of 5 additional churches. He is interested in analyzing positive change factors that have affected growth among the churches of the Brazilian Baptist Convention in the last ten years.
7. **Valdir França** and his family are from Brazil and served as Presbyterian missionaries among Muslims in Great Britain. They now live in Florida, USA, and are involved in church planting among Portuguese-speakers there. He proposes to research the economic weaknesses of mission sending from Latin America in light of a socio economic re-reading of Matthew's gospel.
8. **Gabriel Andrés Gil Arancibia** is a Chilean Church of God missionary and professor ministering in Ecuador. He is the Dean of Students in the South American Seminary (SEMISUD) in Quito. He proposes to investigate the development of Ecuadorian theological education during the past 20 years, with guidelines for the future.
9. **Jorge Girón** is a Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) missionary from Guatemala who has served in Eastern Europe, Portugal and Latin America. He is the denominational representative for Unreached Peoples in Central

America. His research centers on the history of the Pentecostal church in Guatemala, with a focus on Pentecostalism among the Mayan-Quiche peoples.

10. **Santa González Bautista** is a Mexican missionary of the Church of God (Pachuca, Hidalgo, México) serving as a seminary professor in Ecuador. She presently administers a cultural and educational foundation in Ecuador.
11. **Pablo Lewczuk** is an Argentine Baptist professor at the International Baptist Seminary of Buenos Aires where he teaches missiology and is the director of the extension department. He is investigating the influence of Slavic evangelical immigrants in the province of Misiones, from historical, ethnological and missiological perspectives.
12. **Eduardo Mercón** is a Venezuelan pastor who also serves as a professor at the Evangelical Seminary of Caracas, Venezuela. He plans to investigate the history of evangelization among the professional middle class, with applications for new strategies in Caracas.
13. **Diego Miranda** is a Paraguayan Mennonite. He is part of a pastoral team and also works as the administrative secretary at the Evangelical University of Paraguay. He plans to research the contributions of the Anabaptists to evangelical identity in Paraguay.
14. **José Antonio Reyes** is a Colombian pastor who works with street children and children at risk in association with Ministries of a New Covenant and the Viva network. He wants to research a theology of children in mission among other children in an attempt to restore a more serious commitment of the church to helping families at risk.
15. **Ramón Robles** is a Mexican legal counselor practicing law in Baja California, México. He proposes to investigate the ethics and stewardship of the Evangelical leaders in mission in several cities in Baja California.
16. **José Antonio Siles** is a Costa Rican pastor and seminary professor in the area of New Testament and Pastoral Ministries. He proposes to study a theology of the imitation of God in the letter to the Ephesians, with applications to Christian discipleship in the state of Alejuela, Costa Rica.
17. **Mauricio Spinola** is a Brazilian electrical engineer who works as a consultant in telecommunications. A Presbyterian, he is involved in the evangelization of young people. He is interested in studying the growth of Evangelical churches of Brasilia using the model suggested by Orlando Costas.

Brief Biographical Sketches of “PRODOLA” Students, Generation 2006



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1. **Paul Clark** is a church planting missionary from the United States working in Brazil under the Christian and Missionary Alliance as a pastor and teacher. He is the academic dean and professor of New Testament and Theology in the Seminario Bíblico Aliança in Sao Paulo, Brazil. His proposal for study is “Holistic (Integral) Development of Leaders in and for the Brazilian Evangelical Church”
2. **Juan Antonio Colmenarez Meza** is a Venezuelan civil engineer with a background in the navy and merchant marines. Both in church planting as well as in the creation of development projects, Juan has functioned as a bi-vocational Baptist pastor. He is instrumental in the creation and ongoing ministry of a College of Chaplains, as well as a post-graduate school in Theology and Professional Counseling. Juan desires to investigate the relationship between the development of society and the theological thought of the Latin American church.
3. **Jorge López Escobar** is a pastor and teacher of the Assembly of God denomination in Guatemala. He holds a masters degree in education. With over 20 years of pastoral and church planting experience, Jorge is interested in the investigation of the relationship of formation through theological education to the practice of integral mission among Assembly of God churches in Guatemala.
4. **José Pacheco Castillo** is a Mexican Baptist pastor and is a professor in the Seminary of All nations, Ciudad Juarez. Jose desires to investigate a leadership profile that would inform curricular design among seminaries in the context of the Mexican/US frontier.
5. **Elizabeth Primo Bertel** is Brazilian, a Presbyterian pastor’s wife, the director and professor of the Center for Training Missionaries for the Nations. She has been outstanding as a basketball player as well as instrumental in the organization of the Christian Athletes, now composed of 1000 members. She is part of a Brazilian mission organization with 13 church starts in Brazil, 1 in Paraguay, 5 in Peru and 1 in Japan. Her interest is the study adolescents in the evangelical churches of Brazil as possible agents of mission.
6. **Darío Ramírez** is a Paraguayan Mennonite working as a journalist, radio announcer and pastor of the El Refugio Church. He proposes a study of urban women as agents of mission, through a communicational case study of a popular evangelical radio program in Asuncion.
7. **George Reyes Varas** is an Ecuadorian Baptist pastor and professor. He teaches at the Universidad Cristiana Latinoamericana. His master’s study was done in Guatemala. He proposes to study the narrative biblical style as an important art form for interpretation and poetic communication.
8. **David Alberto Roldan** is Argentine, the son of Dr. Alberto Roldan, Academic Secretary of “PRODOLA”. He is the dean of the FIET program in Argentina, and an adjunct professor of ISEDET. He is part of the pastoral team of the Comunidad Evangélica Restauración en Cristo of Buenos Aires and has been the national secretary for the ASIT accreditation program for Seminaries and Theological institution. He is investigating a critical theology of liberation from the perspective of interiority and exteriority.

Brief Biographical Sketches of “PRODOLA” Students, Generation 2007



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1. **Rafael Enrique Brenes Sanchez** of Costa Rica is an associate pastor of the Iglesia Cristiana La Carpa. Enrique came to faith in the Roman Catholic charismatic movement, and later became associated with an evangelical Pentecostal church. He is the director of the Pastoral Ministries Department and a professor in the ESEPA seminary in San José, Costa Rica. His interest area for study is strategic planning for renovation and revitalization of the local church
2. **Rene Edgardo Cortez Alvarez** of El Salvador presently is a Pentecostal pastor of a congregation in Los Angeles, California. He proposes the study of missiological aspects of Hispanic immigrants in Los Angeles in their understanding of the kingdom of God.
3. **Elizabeth Girón** is Chilean and the wife of Jorge Girón, also a doctoral candidate of “PRODOLA”. She is the coordinator of the Unreached People Publications for the Church of God, (Cleveland). She will investigate the pastoral care of Latin American missionaries of the Church of God involved in work in Muslim contexts.
4. **Stuart Martín Hook** is from Great Britain, found the Lord in Brazil and was discipled by Dr. Antonio Barrio. He is a professor of English and has worked in planting a Presbyterian church in Londrina. He also works with drug addicts. He presently is living in Great Britain. He is interested in the investigation of narrative theology as it applies to the Brazilian context.
5. **Joon Juan Lee**, is of Korean background, who has lived and studied in Buenos Aires, and now is the director of the All Nations Seminary in Juarez, Mexico. He proposes an investigation of a model useful in the development of a contextualized Mexican leadership through theological education.
6. **Jorge Isaac Lolin Ortiz** is a pastor and professor in the Biblical Alliance Seminary in Quito Ecuador. He will investigate the factors that influence effective ministry among the graduates of the Biblical Alliance Seminary.
7. **Julio Lopez** is a Guatemalan pastor of Quaker Church with 35 years of experience both in Honduras as well as Guatemala. He presently is the pastor in Chiquimula in northern Guatemala working with World Vision and a social ministry. He proposes to investigate the ecclesiology of Orlando Costas as a paradigm for mission in Chiquimula, Guatemala.
8. **Gary McCaman** is from the USA and working with the Grace Brethren Church in Quilmes, Buenos Aires. He is working in a ministry of Seminary Extension, seeking to provide materials for both urban and non-urban areas. He will investigate the worldview perspectives of shame and well-being in relation to the transformation of evangelical churches in Buenos Aires.
9. **Martín Ocaña Flores** is a Peruvian Baptist professor and pastor of a congregation in the south of Perú. He is interested in the study of the book of Revelation and its interpretations during the past 40 years in Latin America.

10. **Samuel Pérez Rivera** is a Puerto Rican pastor and educator of the Nazarene Church. He holds doctorates in counseling and Psychotherapy. He is the pastor of the Abundant Life Nazarene Church in Bayamon, Puerto Rico and an adjunct faculty professor of UNELA and a number of other Nazarene Seminaries throughout Latin America. His investigation will center on systemic and theological/biblical factors in resolving the problematic issues between the pastor, the pastoral family, and the local church among Nazarene congregations in Mexico and Central America.
11. **Paschoal Piragine Junior** is a Brazilian Baptist pastor of the First Baptist Church in Curitiba and a past president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention. He holds a D, Min, from the FTSA of Londrina. He proposes to investigate in the area of urban church growth in Curitiba.
12. **Alberto Salazar Gaviria** is originally from Colombia. He is the pastor of a Hispanic/Latino church in Toronto, Canada, with the Reformed Church of America and teaches in a local Bible school. He proposes to investigate the ethical and spiritual issues involved in the pastoral care of undocumented Hispanics in Toronto.
13. **Luis Silverio** is a Brazilian Presbyterian pastor and psychologist. He is president of the South American Theological Seminary in Londrina, Brazil, and he also teaches in that seminary. His investigation centers on the role of the family in fulfilling the *missio Dei* in contemporary Brazilian culture.
14. **Roger Vergara Vargas** is a Peruvian pastor with the Christian Missionary Alliance. He is the pastor of the Puerto Libre Church in Lima. Roger's church was chosen as the venue for the President of Peru and many of his cabinet members to hold a day of prayer in 2006 and 2007. He is a professor in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Seminary in Lima, Peru. Roger proposes to investigate images of spirituality in the local church and their influence on the church's participation in the *missio Dei*.
15. **Ezequiel Villar** is a Paraguayan Mennonite pastor. The First Lady of Paraguay and a number of the cabinet members of the present government worship at Ezequiel's church. Ezequiel is a professor in the Mennonite Seminary in Asunción, Paraguay. He plans to investigate the attitudes of Mennonites in Asuncion toward divorce and re-marriage, with implications for pastoral work.
16. **Erico Xavier** is a 7th Day Adventist pastor and educator of Brazil in Extension Seminary training. He is interested in investigating integral church growth from the perspective of Orlando Costas among Seventh Day Adventist churches in Londrina, Brazil.
17. **José Salvador Zapeta**, a Guatemala Baptist pastor and professor, leads a large Baptist church and teaches Missiology and History in the Baptist seminary in Guatemala City. His interest is the investigation of secular professions in mission advance for the Guatemalan church.

Brief Biographical Sketches of “PRODOLA” Students, Generation 2008



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1. **Roberto Aldana Sosa** is from Guatemala and serves as Superintendent for the Central American region of the Church of God. He also teaches in two seminaries and pastors a congregation. He hopes to investigate the contribution of the evangelical church to social transformation in Guatemala City.
2. **Jorge Baños Peña**, from El Salvador, serves as Academic Dean of the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas (SENDAS) in Costa Rica. He teaches in the areas of homiletics and missions. He wants to investigate the use and abuse of allegorical interpretation in the preaching style in Costa Rican megachurches and the effect this has on other evangelical churches.
3. **Amós Benjamín Cahuich Yam** is Mexican, of Mayan descent, and serves as President of the Saint Paul Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Mérida, Yucatan. He lives in Mérida and also pastors a new congregation in Campeche that he helped to found. He will investigate the educational role of the church as a base for mission.
4. **Stephen Cobb** is from the USA and works as a missionary in Guatemala with GLOBE International. He wants to study the impact of the Institute for Theological Institute by Extension (INSTE) on the integral church growth of five congregations in Guatemala.
5. **Arturo Delgado Tiscareña**, from Mexico, pastors a congregation in San Luis de Potosi that is part of Agape Fellowship, an independent, neo-pentecostal network. He also serves on the board of an interdenominational missionary agency, Mexicans Reaching the World, with families in Spain, Malaysia, Morocco and Mexico. He wants to investigate the pastoral couple as co-workers in ministry.
6. **Eder De Melo Silva**, is a Brazilian Baptist pastor in Goais, Brazil. He has his DMin. and is interested in studying Brazilian Baptist pastors as agents of urban leadership formation, from both a pastoral and a missiological perspective.
7. **Ruben Dreidger**, an Uruguayan Mennonite, teaches Bible and exegesis in the Evangelical Mennonite Theological Center in Asunción, Paraguay. He wants to study the effect of the doctrine of Covenant on personal relationships in the church, including family, friends, and relationship between person and God.
8. **Rúben Fernández** is from Argentina and serves as President of the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas (SENDAS) in San José, Costa Rica. He also coordinates the educational programs of the Church of the Nazarene in Mexico and Central America. His wife, Monica, is also a student in “PRODOLA”. His research will center on care of Nazarene pastors in Mexico and Central America.
9. **Christian Giordano** was born in France and lives in Granada, Spain, where he serves with Muslim Peoples, Internacional (PMI) and is technical coordinator and teacher in the Ibo-American Institute of Theological

Studies (IIBET). For his research project, he wants to study Christian development projects and their effectiveness in church planting, focusing on Latin American missionary efforts in Muslim contexts.

10. **Elizabeth González Espinoza** is Costa Rican and teaches in the University of the Americas in the area of family orientation. She is a member of the Central American Church, the oldest denomination in the country. For her “PRODOLA” investigation, she wants to study family violence, especially within the evangelical church in Costa Rica.
11. **Gerardo Iñiguez Uzeta** is Mexican and the pastor of a church in Hidalgo, part of the Church of God. His research interest lies in the field of urban integral mission.
12. **Javier Kosaki** is from Argentina and lives in the US where he pastors a Hispanic church in Chino, California, part of the International Evangelical Foursquare Church. He wants to investigate the history of the Foursquare Church in Southern California.
13. **Young Min Lee Lee**, from Korean, is a Baptist and serves with Wycliffe International in Quito, Ecuador. He wants to investigate theological education for Christian leadership among indigenous peoples of Ecuador.
14. **Mónica Mastronardi de Fernández**, Argentinian, is married to Rubén Fernández, also a “PRODOLA” student. She serves as an administrator of the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas (SENDAS) in Costa Rica and works for the Church of the Nazarene in discipleship curriculum development. She plans to investigate the role of the Nazarene pastor as facilitator for church growth.
15. **Alejandro Pimentel**, from Lima, Peru, has lived in the US for over 25 years. He served several years as an editor with Libros Desafío in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He moved to Mexico where he will teach in several Presbyterian seminaries.
16. **Juan Silverio Verón Aquino**, a Mennonite from Paraguay, pastors a congregation, serves as President of the National Mennonite Convention of Paraguay, and teaches in the Evangelical University of Paraguay.

Brief Biographical Sketches of “PRODOLA” Students, Generation 2009



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1. **Jorge Barro** is academic dean of the South American Theological Seminary in Londrina, Brazil, where he also teaches theology. In addition he is part of the pastoral team of a new Presbyterian church plant in Londrina. He plans to investigate the *missio Dei* as a hermeneutical key to pastoral ministry. Jorge and his wife, Denise, have two children.
2. **Carlos Canizales** has served as supervisor of the Church of Dio in El Salvador for the past seven years. In this role he coordinates the work of the regional supervisors in the care of some 335 congregations. He is also the president of the education board for the Central American Pentecostal Biblical Seminary in Guatemala. He wants to investigate the role of the pastor in the mobilization of the laity for mission, using the model of Jesus. Carlos and his wife, María Celsa, have three children between the ages of 16 and 23.
3. **Enoé Cortazar** is president of the Lemuel Bible Institute in Villa Hermosa, Tabasco, in the south of Mexico. He also serves as coordinator of missions on the state level for his denomination, the Church of God, and as a member of the national board of missions. He is currently active in a mission project among a Mexican ethnic group with no Christian presence. He wants to do his research in the area of integral pastoral ministry among Church of God pastors in the state of Tabasco. Enoé and his wife, Susana, have three children between the ages of 9 and 14.
4. **Luis Cruz Villalobos** pastors a Presbyterian church in Santiago, Chile. He also serves as president of the Northern Presbytery, and vice-president of the Christian Presbyterian Church of Chile. A psychologist by profession, Luis practices psychotherapy through the arts one day a week in a Christian clinic. A poet, composer and singer, he has a ministry among artists and through the arts to the church. He hopes to do his research on the relation between Christian spirituality and resilience, through a case study in the state penitentiary in Santiago. Luis and his wife, Isabel Soledad, have three children between 7 and 12 years old.
5. **Humberto del Castillo** is a Peruvian currently living in Costa Rica and serving as a theology professor in the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas in San Jose. He hopes to investigate the biblical and theological bases for a contextual ecclesiology.
6. **Ángela Durigan de Souza** is associate pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Itatiba, Brazil, a congregation of some 1500 members. As part of her pastoral ministry, Ángela gives one day a week to pastoral counseling. She also teaches in a Nazarene extension seminary in the areas of leadership, pastoral formation, and spiritual formation. She will investigate in the area of ecclesiology, seeking a relational model for facilitating care and healing within the church. Ángela and her husband Jorge have two married daughters.
7. **Silvia Giselle Fernández** is from Costa Rica and works full time as professor in the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas in San Jose. She teaches in the areas of Bible, missions, leadership and education, and she assists students in their thesis projects. A Methodist, she also teaches weekends in a regional Methodist seminary. She plans to investigate the role of the contemporary prophet from a biblical perspective. Silvia is single.

8. **Rasma Jakob** lives in Campinas, Brazil and serves as coordinator for the Brazilian extension center of the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas (Costa Rica). She teaches in the areas of developmental psychology, pastoral formation, pastoral counseling, and missions. She also writes and translates. She plans to investigate the role of suffering in mission. Rasma and her husband Roberto have three adult children and various grandchildren.
9. **María Silvina Kosacki** and her husband, Javier (“PRODOLA”, Generation 2008) pastor a Foursquare church in Chino, California, along with giving supervisory care to the three congregations the church has founded and directing and teaching in the VIDA Bible School, a center for discipleship and leadership formation. Silvina wants to investigate the use of music as an intentional strategy for mission. The couple is from Argentina and have three children between the ages of 9 and 16.
10. **Paulo Oliveira** serves in ALEM, the Brazilian division of Wycliffe Bible Translators. With his wife, Quézia, he has lived some 17 years in the Tembe tribe, translating the New Testament into the tribe’s mother tongue. The family now lives in Brasilia where Paulo directs the department of training courses for translators. He is also involved in the leadership of the Evangelical Mission to the Indians of Brazil, with a focus on indigenous leadership training. Paulo wants to investigate the factors involved in the use and non-use of mother tongue Bible translations among the tribal groups. The couple have an 11 year old son and a 7 year old daughter.
11. **Alberto Rizzo** is head pastor of the Kyrrios Christian Center in Buenos Aires. This charismatic Baptist congregation of some 1200 members has planted 28 new congregations throughout Argentina, and in Uruguay, Peru and Spain. For many years, concurrent with the pastorate, Alberto supported himself through coaching Taekwondo, and seven times he was national Taekwondo champion of Argentina, and once held the title for the Americas. He plans to investigate the secularization of the church in Buenos Aires, with the purpose of proposing a re-evangelization. Alberto and his wife, Silvia Monica, have five children between the ages of 11 and 24.

Brief Biographical Sketches of “PRODOLA” Students, Generation 2010



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1. **Maximo Alvares** is the director of Evangelism in Depth for all of Spain. As such, he administers their various programs of evangelism and church planting, working with local congregations to develop missionary strategies. He also has planted and currently pastors a Baptist church in Seville. Maximo and his wife Joana have two adult children, Abigail and Abraham.
2. **Juan Dario Castillo**, a Peruvian, serves with his wife Eva (also a “PRODOLA” student) with the Christian NGO, “Paz y Esperanza” (Peace and Hope) in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. For his “PRODOLA” research, he hopes to study the mission models that have formed the evangelical church in Latin America, searching for applications for the future mission movement of the Latin church’s own missionary outreach. Juan and Eva have one two-year-old son, Felipe.
3. **Rubén Esponda** is from Chiapas, Mexico, but he currently lives in California where he pastors a Methodist congregation in Santa Ana and teaches theology in a seminary in Claremont. He has chosen as his research project to write the history of the Presbyterian Church in Chiapas, the church of his own Christian formation. Rubén and his wife Aremi have three sons between the ages of 6 and 16: Abi Rubén, Pablo and Nathan.
4. **Felipe Esteban** teaches theology at the Peruvian Union University in Lima, an institution of the Peruvian Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He is married to Lidia, and the couple have two children: Solange (8) and Joshua (5). Felipe wants to focus his doctoral research on the growth of the church among Lima’s youth.
5. **Oscar Franco** pastors the Church of the Nazarene in the town of San Bartola, El Salvador. He has taught sociology in the state University of El Salvador for many years. Currently he is an adjunct professor of theology in the Nazarene seminaries of Guatemala and Costa Rica. Oscar and his wife Rosalba have two teenage children, Oscar David and Andrea María.
6. **Oscar Jo** pastors a Presbyterian church in Lima, Peru, and teaches theology in the Evangelical Seminary of the Andes in Ayacucho. He and his wife Majelis have two teenage children, Esteban and Luciana. For his doctoral research Oscar wants to study the integration of Bible, mission and ecology, exploring the history of the Peruvian church in its response to environmental problems.
7. **José Luacute** serves as pastor of an evangelical church in Lubango, Angola. He also teaches theology in the Higher Institute of Evangelical Theology in that same city. He has been active in ministry among university

students in his country, serving as national director for several years. He wants to investigate in the area of urban mission, exploring models of healthy church growth in a context where so much growth seems superficial. José and his wife Adelaide had two daughters, Tchisola (16) and Tabita (11).

8. **Eva Morales**, along with her husband Juan Castillo (see above), serves in the Christian NGO, “Paz y Esperanza,” in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The couple also serves some 14 years as missionaries in the university student movement in Bolivia and Peru, including Eva’s time as Secretary General for the organization in Bolivia. In “PRODOLA”, Eva wants to investigate the different biblical interpretations given by the evangelical churches to the roles of men and women, and the effects such interpretations have had on issues of leadership, power and violence in the evangelical community. Juan and Eva have a two-year-old son, Felipe.