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Dear co-laborers in Christ's mission,

It is always a joy for us to write to you and report on what the Holy Spirit is doing through your generous investment in the Kingdom by means of the Latin American Doctoral Program in Theology (LADPT).

Praise God with us! It is harvest time! Celebrate with us the seven leaders we highlight here. Your investment is yielding fruit. Over the next 20 years each of these graduates will touch the lives of hundreds of leaders who will in turn influence hundreds of others! What a joy to see them graduate. Give thanks with us!

Getting to the stage of defending their dissertation is a huge accomplishment for our students. After 4 to 6 years of courses and individualized research, our students write their dissertation, guided by a Latin American scholar as mentor. Once the mentor approves the dissertation, it goes to 3 reader/evaluators who will also be part of the jury for the defense. If any of the 3 have reservations, the student revises the dissertation. Once approved, the defense is scheduled. Due to Covid-19, we do all our defenses via video-conference. This process takes a lot of communication on everyone's part. Please pray for the students highlighted below.

It has been a delight for Chuck to offer mission-related lectures on-line in August and September for educational institutions in San Dimas, CA; San José, Costa Rica; and a Presbyterian church in San Diego, CA.

One of our greatest joys continues to be being grandparents! Ella (pictured left) is 3 years old. Her parents are Anita and John Bateman. They live in Toledo, Ohio, a 3-hour drive from Holland, also the home of Andrew, Andrea and their 5 children. What great fun to be grandparents! We love it!

Please know our deep gratitude for your partnership with us. We are humbled by your love. **Thank you for your prayers! Love in Jesus, Chuck and Jean**

PRAY FOR UPCOMING DISSERTATION DEFENSES.

Roberto and Dilma Yahiro (left with their 3 children) are copastors of the Japanese-Brazilian Holiness Evangelical Church of Londrina, Brazil. They are major leaders among the large Japanese-Brazilian population in Brazil. Roberto researched pastoral leadership formation in his denomination. Dilma studied missional ministries among the 2nd and 3rd generation Japanese-Brazilians in Holiness churches in Brazil.

Luis Gonçalo Silverio (top right) is a pastor, psychologist, and part of the faculty of the South American Theological Faculty in Londrina, Brazil. He researched issues of power on the part of fathers in Christian family systems in southern Brazil, as related to Jesus' teaching in John.

Patricia Adrianzén de Vergara (bottom left) pastors the second largest Christian & Missionary Alliance Church (C&MA) in Lima, Peru, with her husband, Roger (also an LADPT graduate). She is writer and publisher of numerous books on spirituality and the Christian life. She is on the faculty of the C&MA Seminary in Lima, Peru. She examined how the theologies of two Peruvian philosophers, José María Arguedas and Gustavo Gutiérrez, contribute to a Peruvian Evangelical mission theology.

David Horta (bottom right) is a Brazilian Presbyterian pastor in São Paulo, Brazil. He researched a biblical theology of stewardship in terms of God's missional commission to humanity to care for God's creation.



"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live....The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.... The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow....Praise the Lord."

Psalms 146: 1-10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS.

Nov 11-12: Four dissertation defenses of Brazilian leaders, via ZOOM (see below).

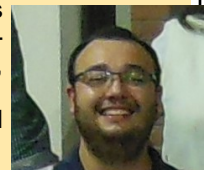
Nov 13-14: Airing of Chuck's 2 lectures for a Brazilian on-line course of the South American Theological Faculty of Londrina, Brazil

Nov 26-28: Airing of Chuck's 4 on-line lectures for the 100th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico, where we lived for 12 years.

Dec. 2: On-line dissertation defense of Patricia Adrianzén in Peru (see below).

Jan 15-Feb 28: Jean and Chuck will be working from Florida.

Jan, Feb., March — please pray for our LADPT students. We hope to see 5 or 6 more defend their dissertations in these coming months.



"Prayer breaks all bars, dissolves all chains, opens all prisons, and widens all straits by which God's saints have been held."

— E. M Bounds (Great Quotes on Prayer)



"Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!...He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit....Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp....The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love....Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints....Praise him in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens....Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

— Psalms 147:1-150:6 NIV

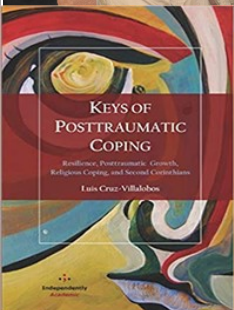


PRAISE GOD FOR DR. LUIS CRUZ VILLALOBOS of CHILE

We praise God that Luis successfully defended his dissertation virtually, via ZOOM, on June 22 with the Free University of Amsterdam (VU). Luis improved his fluency in English in order to write his dissertation in English. He did very well with English during his defense. He was allowed to have a "friendly supporter" participate in the defense with him. Only a couple of times did that person have to translate a question or comment to Spanish during the defense, with the permission of the Dean. At the end of the defense, I was allowed as mentor to offer a "Laudatio" summary and congratulations to the candidate.

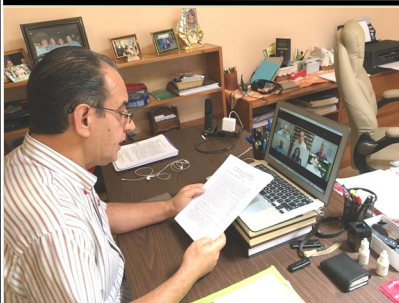
Luis is a psychologist, pastor, and poet in Chile. He has published several books of poetry. He teaches psychology in one of the national universities in Chile as well as maintaining a counseling ministry. He is an ordained minister in a Presbyterian denomination there. Luis worked on the integration of psychological perspectives on posttraumatic resilience and coping with Paul's perspectives regarding his own coping responses to his suffering and trauma. The VU co-promotor, Dr. Ruud Ganzevoort, specializes in applied pastoral theology. Dr. Ganzevoort is also the Dean of the Faculty of Religion and Theology of the VU. I served as the PRODOLA co-promotor. The dissertation had to

be printed and published in Amsterdam prior to the defense. (See the book at left.)



Luis, Soledad and their 3 children

During this time of social distancing, it seems we are all making more internet purchases. Jean and I use **AmazonSmile** because it donates a percentage of each purchase to registered nonprofit organizations. Latin American Christian Ministries receives donations from every purchase in AmazonSmile when it is the designated nonprofit. Please consider using this as a way of supporting us. Go to [AmazonSmile.org](https://www.amazon.com/smile) to designate "Latin American Christian Ministries Inc." for donations.



PRAISE GOD FOR DRS. RUBÉN AND MÓNICA FERNANDEZ IN COSTA RICA!

We praise God that during the summer 2 of our doctoral students finished writing their dissertations and the first week of September they sustained their defenses. They will be granted official diplomas by the government of Costa Rica, via the Evangelical University of the Americas (UNELA) with whom we began partnering in 2004.

Rubén and Mónica (seen below with their 2 sons) are Argentine missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene in Costa Rica. Rubén is the President of the Nazarene Theological Seminary (SENDAS) in San José, Costa Rica,

where we have held numerous intensive PRODOLA. Mónica is the Academic Dean search on John Wesley's perspectives on pastoral leaders in the Nazarene Church the millennial generation of young people church revitalization and mission among They are major leaders in the Church of significant influence in the revitalization there. The photos above were taken dur-



courses for of SENDAS. Rubén did his doctoral re- leadership as a pattern for the formation of in Central America. Mónica researched how are and can increasingly be involved in the Nazarene churches in Latin America. the Nazarene in Central America and have and mobilization of Nazarene churches ing their virtual defenses.

"God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil." — Mother Teresa
(10 Prayer Quotes from Praying People)

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