



LATIN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.

Brief Biographical Sketches of PRODOLA Students, Generation 2010

1. **Máximo Alvares** is director of Evangelism in Depth for all of Spain and administers programs of evangelism and church planting, working with local congregations to develop cross-cultural missionary strategies. He planted and pastors a Baptist church in Seville, Spain. Máximo and his wife, Joana, have two children.
2. **Juan Castillo**, a Peruvian, serves with his wife, also an LADPT student from Bolivia, in a Christian organization called, "Peace and Hope" in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Juan and Eva met through their involvement in the Latin American university movement related to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Peace and Hope focuses on integral mission and community development in contexts of violence, and seeks to help local churches face problems in their own barrios, through education and projects. Juan wants to research the models of mission that have formed the evangelical church in Latin America, with projection for the future mission of the church.
3. **Eva Morales de Castillo** is from Bolivia. Along with her husband, Juan (above), Eva serves in a Christian organization called, "Peace and Hope" in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Eva wants to explore how contemporary biblical interpretations of gender affect the identities of men and women in the evangelical church. She will consider how gender roles are passed on and their effects on leadership, power and violence.
4. **Rubén Esponda**, from Chiapas, Mexico, currently lives in California where he pastors a Methodist congregation in Santa Ana and teaches theology in a seminary in Claremont. His research project is 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.
5. **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 has two children. Felipe wants to focus his research on the growth of the church among Lima's youth.
6. **Oscar Franco** pastors the Church of the Nazarene in the town of San Bartola, El Salvador. He has taught sociology in the University of El Salvador for many years. Currently he is an adjunct professor of theology in the Nazarene seminaries in Guatemala and Costa Rica. Oscar and his wife, Rosalba have two teenage children.
7. **Oscar Jo**, a trained agronomist, 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. 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 issues.

Brief Biographical Sketches of PRODOLA Students, Generation 2012

MARCOS ARROYO is a Peruvian pastor with 24 years of experience in the central highlands of Peru. At present, he pastors a church in a Peruvian mining town 14,000 feet above sea-level. His is one of three congregations of the Evangelical Missionary Church in Peru that also has mission work in England and Spain. He is a graduate at the Master's level from the Evangelical Faculty "Orlando E. Costas" in Lima, and is an editor and contributor of the CEMAA missiological journal "Integralidad".

ALCIMAR DOS SANTOS is a Brazilian Nazarene pastor and seminary professor with 23 years of experience. Together with a Master's degree in Theology he holds a Master's degree in Environmental Issues with specialization in pedagogy and psychoanalysis. He is the coordinator of the area of Pedagogy in the Nazarene Seminary and professor in theology and history.

RUBEN ESPONDA is the son of Rev. Hugo Esponda, long-time partner with Jean and Chuck in theological education with the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico in the state of Chiapas, where Rubén grew up. At present, Rubén serves as a United Methodist pastor in Santa Ana, CA. His educational background includes the UNAM of Mexico City, the Presbyterian Seminary also in México City and an M.Div. from Fuller Seminary. His research focus is on the formation of young leaders.

MARGARITA FLORES, born in Michoacán came to the United States when she was 14. She is the mother of six children, a Roman Catholic who has served 25 years as a Coordinator, Supervisor and Director in the Roman Catholic Church in Los Angeles. She is presently the Parish Life Director of the Sacred Heart Church and has responsibilities for the overall day-to-day pastoral care and administration of the parish. She has an MDiv from Fuller as well as received certification as a Family Therapist.

TOMÁS GUTIÉRREZ SANCHEZ is a Peruvian Baptist professor and is known for his socio historical writing regarding Latin American Protestantism. He has a Master's degree in Political Science from the Catholic University of Perú as well as a doctorate in Social Sciences from the National University of San Marcos in Lima. He presently serves as the Technical Secretary for the Peruvian National Congress.

DEUK SOO JUNG is a Presbyterian Korean missionary serving with his Korean Agency in church planting in Mexico City and Guadalajara. He did his Master's work in Bolivia at the Evangelical University in Santa Cruz.

MARCOS PAREDES SADLER, is a youth leader having participated in a number of mission efforts for the poor, and for tribal groups in the Amazon. He has a degrees from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California and from CEMAA in Lima, Peru. On behalf of CEMAA, Marcos has coordinated investigative mission trips. He participated in the first year project of Primal Religion and Christianity under the direction of Kwame Bediako y Andrew Walls.

RAFAEL POLA is the pastor of the Monte Hermon Baptist Church in Mexico City. He has a Master's in Philosophy from the UNAM. He has coordinated the ministry for one of the Baptist Associations in the City of Mexico and is interested in the study of theology relevant to a post modern society.

ONÉSIMO QUICANA is Peruvian, and ministers in the Central Highlands as a missionary to the Quechua speaking peoples. He has degrees from Brazil, among them from SATS Londrina. His interest is the investigation of migration of the rural Quechua toward the urban centers and its religious implications.

JOHN SHORACK was born in France, grew up in the United States, has a German wife and is ministering as a missionary in Venezuela since 2001. They serve with CAMBIO INTERNO (InnerServe), a Christian community with the focus upon a contemplative, prophetic missionary ministry. They live in a poor area in the mountains near Caracas. John has his M Div. from Fuller Seminary.

RAFAEL VALLEJO was born and raised in the Philippines. With his family he immigrated to Canada and is a naturalized Canadian citizen. He works as a lay pastor with the Presbyterian Church of Canada (PCC) in a multicultural Presbyterian Church on the east side of Toronto. He has an MTS in theological studies from the University of Waterloo and an M. Div. from the Theological Faculty in Toronto.

FRANCISCO VERGARA is a pastor and professor in the Evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed Church (IEPRP) in Lima. He studied and now teaches at the Evangelical Seminary of Lima. He also has studied at the San Ignacio de Loyola University of Lima.