

Would you join us in prayer?

- that the current seminary students will be ordained and conduct blessed Gospel ministries in Peru
- that our pre-seminary students will enroll at the Lima seminary and join their brothers in pastoral ministry
- that the faculty's training efforts will be blessed by God

Would you like to help?

As technology advances, computer resources and on-line courses become more practical and common-place. \$4000 would equip the Lima Seminary and its distant students with computers, projectors and screens needed to teach classes to remote classrooms.

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Update for our readers.

- Jungle Missionary Antonio expresses thanks to ELS donors who provided a new boat for his evangelism excursions in the Upper Amazon Basin of Peru.
- The United in the Faith Lutheran congregation in Linares, Chile expresses thanks to the ELS members who contributed \$5,000 in matching funds for the construction of their new chapel. Other ELS members fulfilled that matching challenge within two months!



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Sharing the Gospel in South America and Asia

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Preparing Pastors in Peru



Missionary David Haeuser and his wife, Ruth

For 28 years Missionary David Haeuser and his wife Ruth have served the ELS world outreach program faithfully in Peru. They are preparing now to return to the US in June. We thank them both for their dedication to Gospel ministry! David formerly served as President of the Seminary in Lima but has now turned that responsibility over to Rev. Segundo Gutierrez.

Current professors at the Lima Seminary include Pres. Gutierrez, who teaches dogmatics, Prof. Guillermo Carrara, who teaches Church History and New Testament, and Prof. Jaime Cortez, who teaches Old Testament and Pastoral Theology.

The Seminary's extension program stretches from classes in the coastal community of Chimbote, to the Andes Mountain town of Cajamarca, and to the Amazon Basin city of Tarapoto. Members of



the Lima faculty travel to these places to conduct classes.

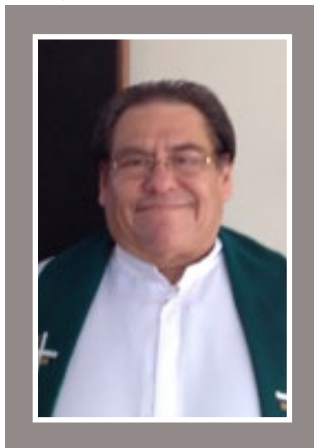
Roy Peter Albarran Caballero, 33, grew up in Chimbote, where he and his sister attended Sunday School at our church. But since his parents were not members, he fell away. As a high school student he was drawn toward the Catholic congregation in town through its drama club but noticed something was missing in the teaching he received. "Where is Christ?" he asked himself. He returned to the Lutheran church, was confirmed, and enrolled in our Seminary. Roy is also studying nursing and will be employed at a hospital in support of his pastoral ministry. Roy wants to help people, and as nurse and pastor will be a blessing to body and soul!



Celso Leonidis Benites Bautista, age 60, is a retired Certified Public Accountant who worked as an auditor for the

Peruvian Ministry of Defense. He became disillusioned with the Catholic church and in 2007 began studies with Peruvian pastor Braulio Capulián. He looks forward to becoming a parish pastor. He says he appreciates Professor David Hauser's patience with him as a student of Greek and Hebrew!

Ricardo Orellana is a Colonel (Ret.) in the Peruvian National Police where he worked in psychological operations. While on assignment as part of an anti-drug campaign in 2000 in the San Martin district of the Upper Amazon Basin, he met pastors from our church and became interested in Lutheran theology.



Eventually he was confirmed and became a member of the church. As his interest grew, he decided to study for the pastoral ministry.

The Lima seminary hopes to take advantage of advances in technology to teach classes at extension sites using the internet. Equipment may be purchased to allow teachers in Lima to instruct students at a distance, perhaps even students in our mission in Chile. The same equipment could allow teachers in the U.S. to teach Peruvian students. Our goal: that the seminary and church in Peru will continue faithfully to proclaim the Gospel long after the last ELS missionary has left the field.



Prof. Jaime Cortez and Guillermo Carrara and Pres. Segundo Gutierrez

The ELS mission in Peru will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2018. Since 1968 the ELS has supported over 40 American workers in Peru. So many blessings on the work have been granted by God: the seminary and two grade schools in Lima . . . congregations and preaching stations in greater Lima, the Andes Mountains and the Upper Amazon Basin . . . two grade schools and a high school in the jungle . . . 13 national pastors . . . two jungle evangelists among the Shawi tribe. We praise God from whom all blessings flow!