



## First Chilean Pastor Ordained

On May 28, 2017, Mario Gálvez was ordained as the first national pastor of the ELS mission in Chile. He was also installed as pastor of the congregation in La Cisterna, an area in Santiago. Since 2010 he has served as president of the Chilean church and serves as secretary of the Latin American regional association of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference.



*Vicars Victor Henrique and Guillermo Ruz, Missionary Timothy Ericsson, Prof. Jaime Cortez [Peru seminary], Ariel Arriagada, Rev. Mario Galvez, Pres. Segundo Gutierrez [Peru seminary], Pres. Andres Robles, [Peru national church].*

The worship service took place in the new chapel of the United By Faith Lutheran Church in the city of Linares. Missionary Timothy Erickson preached the sermon and performed the rite of ordination and installation. Pastor Andrés Robles, president of the national church body in Peru, conducted the liturgy. Lectors were Ariel Arriagada, president of the Linares congregation, and Pastors Jaime Córtez and Segundo Gutierrez of Perú.

In conjunction with the ordination service a bi-national conference was held with the three pastors from Perú. Papers presented included the history of the churches in Perú and Chile, and stewardship.

Mario Gálvez was born on August 26, 1962, in Santiago, Chile. He earned technical certificates in banking and sports administration. He has operated his own gymnasium dedicated to Kenpo Karate for 35 years. He is a Black Belt Grand Master of Martial Arts. Mario is married to Mildred (Milly) and is the father of four children.

Mario began theological studies under missionaries Otoniel Rodríguez and Karl Kuenzel. He continued those studies and served his vicarage in the Chilean church under the guidance of missionary Timothy Erickson.

## Will you join us in prayer?

Please pray that Rev. Galvez soon will be joined in ministry by Victor Henriquez and Guillermo Ruz, who are serving as vicars.

Missionary Tim Erickson will soon leave the Chilean field he has served since 2004. Pray that the national church remains faithful to Lutheran doctrine and God grants many blessings on its ministry.

## Would you like to help?

With one ordained national pastor and two vicars responsible to serve congregations in La Cisterna, San Bernardo, Puente Alto and Linares support is needed for transportation, lodging, etc. If you are able to assist, your contribution will be much appreciated.

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