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ALLIANCE MISSIONARY PASTOR OSMEL SOLIZ



- *Highlights the advantages of providing native pastors from sister church bodies*
- *Pastoral support for two congregations and a mercy house in Lima*
- *Embracing the joys and challenges of urban ministry*

SUMMARY

Peru is blessed with sound diplomatic and economic partnerships throughout South America, most notably with fellow Andean Community nations: Bolivia, Ecuador, and Colombia. Accordingly, the LCMS drew on relations with a sister church body in sourcing workers to serve God's people in the Land of the Incas, eventually hand picking Bolivian native Rev. Martín Osmel Soliz Bernal.

Soliz got to know Lima serving his vicarage there. After returning to the Dominican Republic in May 2019 to walk in Concordia the Reformer Seminary and Mercy Center's first ever graduation ceremony, he accepted a call from the

Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia to begin his ordained ministry as an Alliance missionary in Peru. Soliz's emphasis on the church and mercy house in Lima's poverty-stricken garment district, La Victoria, both challenges and motivates him. His musical aptitude is a hit with the children of Castillo Fuerte, and he is constantly plotting new tactics to forge connections within the community.

Soliz and wife Yolanda live within walking distance of the La Victoria church and mercy center facility and look forward to raising their young family in Lima.

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