• 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
Rev. Walterson Junior Siewert Lang joined the Peru church planting team as an Alliance missionary in 2019. A native Paraguayan, he adds not only multicultural flair but also invaluable church planting experience, a plus for his young colleagues; he’s also trilingual. Siewert was raised by Brazilian-born parents in a Portuguese-speaking household, learned Spanish in school, and polished his English earning an M.A. at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay called Siewert, its first foreign missionary, to concentrate on the congregation in Lima’s highly populous Los Olivos district. Siewert’s ever-present smile and warm personality make him a natural evangelist; membership is burgeoning under his leadership. As he settles into his role and lends occasional support to the church and mercy house in La Victoria, shining Christ’s light in one of Latin America’s largest cities promises to be demanding yet exhilarating.

Siewert married Peruvian national Estefania in 2017; daughter Isabella has dual citizenship. Consequently, Peru is already home, in a sense, for the Siewerts. They anticipate, Lord willing, an extended ministry tenure while raising their family with relatives nearby.