



ALLIANCE MISSIONARY PASTOR BENJAMIN FLORES



- *Provides Word and Sacrament ministry to two Spanish-speaking communities*
- *Serves as chaplain for the new Lutheran preschool*
- *Tirelessly works to find new ways to reach Belizeans with the Gospel*

SUMMARY

Pastor Benjamin and Karina Flores, with their son Lucas, serve the Lord in Belize, Central America. Benjamin was born and grew up in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Benjamin was Catholic but attended the Lutheran High School in Cochabamba. After high school, he studied chemical engineering for three years but called the pastoral ministry. Encouraged by his Lutheran pastor, Benjamin began theological studies at Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2014. He transferred to and completed his studies in 2019 at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic.

His wife, Karina Johansen, is from Bødo, Norway. She and Benjamin met in 2013 when Karina served as a volunteer at the Lutheran orphanage in Cochabamba. They wed in 2016 in Bødo.

Benjamin served his vicarage in Riversdale and Camp Concordia, Belize, from 2018-2020. Through an agreement with the Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia (ICEL), he was called to serve as an alliance missionary in Belize alongside our LCMS missionaries. He was ordained on November 28, 2020, in Cochabamba.

Benjamin teaches, preaches, and assists Hispanic families in Valley of Peace and Orange Walk, where numerous Spanish speakers reside. He also studies English online through our Latin America & Caribbean (LAC) regional language institute in the Dominican Republic.

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