



The Cross-stitch Corner

Dealing with the “Overflow”

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What good could have come out of the year 2020?

The year 2020 moved many peoples' hearts to give to *Cross-stitch* over and above what had been allocated for projects for that year. The next issues will share with you what we were able to do with the “overflow.”



ELS mission work in Chile began in 1992 with Missionary James Olsen. Today there is only one Chilean ordained pastor, Mario Gálvez, who works in La Cisterna, a district of Santiago. There are two men, Victor Henriquez in San Bernardo, a district of Santiago and Guillermo Ruz in Puente Alto, a district of Santiago, who are considered vicars. **Jon Gross** has been installed as a vicar in Linares, a four-hour drive south of Santiago.

Jon Gross came to Chile nearly six years ago through the Kingdom Workers to teach English. A teacher track graduate from Martin Luther College, Jon taught in several WELS schools before packing up everything and moving to help a small congregation in Linares, Chile. Linares has a congregation that has lots of potential, but they have been without a Pastor for almost ten years. It's been very hard for the congregation to be held together and grow without a pastor to lead the church. This in mind, Jon, motivated by God's Word, decided to start seminary training at Bethany Lutheran Seminary, and their always supportive professors have set up webcams for Jon to participate in the classroom as if he were right there with them even though he is on the other side of the world. When he graduates, Jon is to be regarded as a Chilean national pastor rather than a U.S. paid foreign missionary.

Cross-stitch will provide \$2,500 to pay for the books John needs while he studies at the Seminary.

To God be the glory!

