



## NIXON VIVAR

Nixon Gregorio Vivar Gomez was born in San Antonio, Cañar, Ecuador. He was confirmed in the Christian faith at St. Peter's in Milwaukee, Wis., in 2001. Upon confirmation, Missionary Vivar wanted to continue his theological studies, but there weren't materials available in Spanish to become a pastor. Due to Nixon's interest and other prospects, the Pastoral Studies Institute started a Hispanic branch. Missionary Vivar immediately started his studies with teachers who knew Spanish, and materials were created along the way. It took him 15 years to become a WELS pastor. During those years he served as a pastoral assistant at all Milwaukee churches that were part of the Palabra de Vida Ministries at the time, including Gethsemane, St. Peter's, Christ, and Risen Savior.

Missionary Vivar graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) in 2017. He served at Christ in Milwaukee, Wis., from 2017 until December 2021, when he was installed as a Latin America missionary for a one-year call. He accepted a permanent call that included a move to Quito, Ecuador, in December 2022. He teaches online classes and follows up and mentors Academia Cristo students throughout Latin America who want to plant churches.

He and his wife Carla, née Falkner, were married in 2008 at St. James in Milwaukee, Wis. God has blessed them with two children, Lucas and Samuel.