



### **Javier A. Chavez, PhD**

Javier Chavez, a Peruvian-American citizen, was born in Peru but was raised in different countries due to his father's missionary work. At age 19 Javier immigrated to the U.S. to acquire higher education. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Lee University (Cleveland, TN) in Religion and a minor in social studies, a Master of Arts degree from Wheaton College Graduate School (Chicago, IL) in Church History, and a PhD in Intercultural Studies at Biola University (La Mirada, CA). While at Wheaton, Javier met Noelia, and both got married in 2001.

In June of 2001, Javier and Noelia relocated to Peru where Javier served as church planter and pastor of Amistad Cristiana Lima until the end of 2013. In Lima, he founded Amistad Cristiana International, a missionary organization, through which a network of another 25 churches between autonomous congregations and local missions were planted, trained, and multiplied across Latin America. The Chavez's complemented their local church ministry working among the neediest families of Peru, reaching the poorest areas of the city of Lima, establishing feeding centers, developing after-school programs, providing spiritual assistance to many families, as well as involving each local community in the development of actions to improve the life of the community residents.

In January of 2015 the Chavez's relocated to Gainesville, GA where Javier worked for BB&T as a Hispanic Market Leader until the end of 2016, time in which he was called to full-time church planting and pastoral ministry with Amistad Cristiana Church (Gainesville, GA). Amistad Cristiana Gainesville is today the largest Hispanic congregation in northeast Georgia.

Javier is also an Ordained Minister in the Southern Baptist Convention since 2005. Javier has also served in denominational responsibilities as a GA Representative in the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Committees in 2018, Executive Committee Member for the Georgia Baptist Convention (2019-2023), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president of Georgia Baptist Convention (2019), Hispanic Representative for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board (2019-2020), Georgia Representative in the Hispanic Council for the Southern Baptist Convention (2020), and candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (2021) and for Recording Secretary (2022) in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Javier has been happily married to Noelia for twenty-two years and together they have four children: Joshua (21), Abigail (18), Vania (14), and Maximo Nathanael (11). Javier's passion is to build bridges among diverse ethnic communities while helping in the planting and leading of more multicultural congregations that effectively accomplish the Great Commission.

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Undergraduate Education:**

- UNDEGRADUATE STUDIES. Inca Garcilazo de la Vega University (Lima, Peru). Department of Political Sciences. (January 1995 – December 1995). Transferred to Lee University.
- BACHELOR OF ARTS. Lee University (Cleveland, TN). January 1996 – December 1998. Major: Bible and Theology. Minor: Social Science and Spanish. Graduated.

### **Master's Education:**

- MASTER OF DIVINITY STUDIES. Church of God Theological Seminary (Cleveland, TN). January 1999 – December 1999. Transferred to Wheaton College Graduate School.
- MASTER OF ARTS. Wheaton College Graduate School (Wheaton, IL). January 2000 – May 2001. Major: History of Christianity. Graduated.

### **Doctoral Education:**

- DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY. Cook School of Intercultural Studies. Biola University (La Mirada, CA). January 2014 – December 2021. Graduated.

## **MINISTRY & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Founder & President: Amistad Cristiana International  
Lima, Peru – Gainesville, GA  
June 2001 – Present
- Church Planter & Senior Pastor: Amistad Cristiana Lima  
Lima, Peru  
June 2001 – December 2013
- Visiting Seminary Professor: Gamaliel Bible Seminary  
Lima, Peru  
September 2008 – August 2010

- Adjunct University Professor: San Ignacio de Loyola University  
Lima, Peru  
September 2010 – December 2013
- PhD Student Resident: Biola University  
La Mirada, CA  
January 2014 – December 2014
- Multicultural Market Banker: BB&T  
Gainesville, GA  
January 2015 – July 2016
- Church Planter & Senior Pastor: Amistad Cristiana Gainesville  
Gainesville, GA  
August 2016 – Present
- Visiting Professor of Missions and Evangelism: Truett-McConnell University  
Cleveland, GA  
August 2019 – Present

#### **CLASSES TAUGHT**

- Introduction to New Testament – Gamaliel Bible Seminary, Peru
- Church History – Gamaliel Bible Seminary, Peru
- Introduction to Preaching – Gamaliel Bible Seminary, Peru
- Ministry of Preaching – Gamaliel Bible Seminary, Peru
- History of Western Civilization I and II – San Ignacio de Loyola University, Peru
- Spanish Literature – San Ignacio de Loyola University, Peru
- Intro to the Great Commission – Truett-McConnell University, Cleveland Ga
- Intercultural Communication – Truett-McConnell University, Cleveland Ga
- Current Topics in North American Missions – Truett-McConnell University, Cleveland Ga
- Theology of Missions – Truett-McConnell University, Cleveland Ga
- Culture Learning and Language Acquisition – Truett-McConnell University, Cleveland Ga
- Evangelism, Discipleship, and Church Planting in Cross-Cultural Settings (master's level class) – Truett-McConnell University, Cleveland Ga
- Missiology – Truett-McConnell University, Cleveland Ga
- Cultural Anthropology – Truett-McConnell University, Cleveland Ga

#### **SKILLS**

##### **a. Language Skills**

- Fluent Bilingual Communication in Spanish and English.

## **b. Computer Skills**

- Knowledgeable in Microsoft Office programs Word, Excel, Power Point, and Outlook.
- Ability using internet and university intranet.
- Use of multimedia devices: PC's, laptops, fax, tablets, scanners, and multimedia projectors for office work, research purposes, class presentations, reports and conferences.
- Administrative Skills Certification. Los Angeles County Office of Education.

## **c. Communication Skills**

- Very good speech skills and ability in dealing with public presentations and one-to-one conversations.

## **d. Leadership, Academic, Professional Awards**

- 2023 Distinction presented by the National Congress of Peru for outstanding service nationally and internationally as a champion in pro-life issues and religious freedom causes.
- 2022 Plaque presented by the Conservative Baptist Network for outstanding denominational service and as steering council member.
- 2021 Plaque offered by the Hispanic ministry of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board for being elected as the first Hispanic officer of the state convention.
- 2020 Plaque offered by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board for faithful service as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
- 2016 Recipient "Helen Faulkner Award and Grant" from Cook School of Intercultural Studies for distinguished service in cross-cultural efforts in Latin America". Biola University (La Mirada, CA), April 23, 2016.
- 2015 Recipient "Hispanic Heritage Month Annual Award" for contribution to Hispanic and Latino students. University of North Georgia Department of Multicultural Affairs. September 23, 2015.
- 2013 Awarded Certificate "Excellence in Scholarship", San Ignacio de Loyola University.
- 2007 Awarded Excellence in Teaching Award. Recalde Private High School.
- 2001 Awarded "Peltz Grant and Billy Graham Scholarship" in recognition for academic distinction and leadership service at Wheaton College Graduate School.
- 1999 Graduation with high honors "Magna Cum Laude" at Lee University, Class of 99'.
- 1998 Awarded "Who's who among American colleges and universities" Lee University.
- 1997 Member of the "Pi Delta Omicron" Honor Society of the School of Religion, Lee University.
- 1996 Awarded the "J.F. Lee Leadership Scholarship" to promising Latino students, Lee University.



**REFERENCES**

Provided upon request.