

Misericordia Activa

An Active Mercy

The love of Christ at work in the streets of Latin America

News from the **Ramirez Family** serving the Lord in the **Dominican Republic**.



Ramirez Family Personal Updates

Abraham is six months old already! Its amazing how quickly time passes. Abraham went to visit the doctor here. It was quite a processes. Dominicans do not make appointments, as they are not time-conscious culture. Instead, we had to go to the doctor's office early in the morning and then wait to be seen in the order of arrival. We were 15th on the list and waited from 9am till 3pm. It was a long day! But at the end the doctor had good news that our little man is developing healthy and all is well.

We are now proud owners of our first car! One thing that is different here than in Lima is the need for a car. In Lima, we had access to great public transportation. In the DR, the public transportation is limited and difficult to use, as such we purchased a car to use while we are here.

Caitlin and Abraham also had a chance to travel to Lima during March to participate in the Peru Foro. It was a last minute surprise trip and such a wonderful joy for the family. Abraham got to meet in person his paternal grandparents and family for the first time. We are so thankful to the Lord for providing this opportunity.

Our family has now been in the Dominican Republic all together for more tan two months. We are adjusting well and creating a new routine and new normal for ourselves. Baby Abraham comes along to most church events and helps mommy do home visits and other activities. Elvis and Alba, the other family at the seminary from Peru, have been helping to watch Abraham when he can't go along to work with mom.



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Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving & Petitions

We give thanks for the partners who participated in the Foros both here in the Dominican Republic and in Peru. These ministries wouldn't be possible without their support.

We give thanks to the Lord for all of you our supporters. We could not serve without your partnership.

Pray for Jeancarlos' U.S. Citizenship interview and test on April 17. He must travel to Detroit for this interview. If all goes well, he will be made a U.S. Citizen.

Please pray for the deaconess intensive in the Dominican Republic April 27-29.

Please pray that the Lord guides us and helps us to find a good nanny who can take care of Abraham while Caitlin is at work.

Pray for Caitlin and the congregation of Palmar Arriba as Caitlin begins her new role of Deaconess in this congregation over the next month.

Sending a Short-Term Mission Team

If your church is interested in sending a short term team to help with the work of the mission please contact me. We have open teams in Latin American during 2019.

The Women of Pueblo Nuevo



The Church in Pueblo Nuevo

In Pueblo Nuevo, Deaconess Caitlin has been getting to know the women and building relationships. We have begun monthly women's meetings with crafts and bible study. Additionally, Caitlin has been working to involve the women in the work of the congregation like going with to do visitation, or teaching children's bible classes. It is very important in planting a new church that we teach the members to take responsibility and be involved in the work as we as missionaries are not permanent. Eventually all missionaries leave and return to their country of origin. Before this happens we must have leaders in the church who are able and willing to carry on the ministry.

The women have been very hesitant to step-up to these roles and responsibilities. But little by little they have begun helping out. Please continue to pray for this work. In addition to focusing on the women in this congregation Deaconess Caitlin has been working with the children here. Our children's bible class has grown from 4 kids to 15 each week.



Women's Art and Devotional event

FOROs in the Dominican Republic & Peru

In March, both countries where we are working, the DR and Peru held their bi-annual Foros. It was a blessing to be able to participate in both events and see and compare the work of the mission in both countries. It is clear that the Lord is at work in both missions, blessing those who labor and calling others to join. The two missions have different flavors but they both have the same core: to proclaim the gospel, show mercy and plant Lutheran churches.

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