

# 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**.



The Ramirez Family enjoying life in the Dominican Republic this August

### **Ramirez Family Personal Update**

We continue to search for a nanny to care for Abraham while we are out of the house working and studying. We had finally found someone we liked over the summer and she informed us last week that she took another job and will no longer be able to help us. Please pray for us as we seek a nanny and try to find balance and boundaries in work and family life.

Praise the Lord for positive news from Jeancarlos' doctor! Over the summer Jeancarlos was able to have a follow-up CT scan and MRI for his radio-surgery in July 2018. On this MRI the doctor was checking to make sure that there were no negative effects from the radiation which was applied to the AVM in his brain. The doctor was very pleased to see no dead tissue and no negative effects. Jeancarlos has also not suffered any headaches, seizures, memory loss or other side effects of the AVM during the last year. The doctor is very positive that within the next year we will see the AVM reduce in size as a result of the radiation.

### **National Lutheran Youth Retreat in the Dominican**

Jeancarlos got to help plan, teach and lead a weekend retreat for the youth from all of our mission plants here in the Dominican Republic. They had a great time with the kids, studying God's Word, growing in faith and laughing as well. It was a great growing experience for Jeancarlos as a seminarian and a wonderful use of his free time during the summer.

**National Youth Retreat Dominican Republic:**  
left participants, right Jeancarlos teaching



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**Prayer Requests**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**& Petitions**

Please pray for the deaconess classes at Palmar Arriba and Pueblo Nuevo. You can pray for the students by name: Shelia, Leonida, Nini, Mercedes, Olga and Rosi.

We praise and thank God for the Missionary Conference.

Please pray for the upcoming Foro in the Dominican Republic during September.

We praise God for the youth retreat. We ask that he blesses these youth and continues their involvement in the congregation.

Please pray for our search for a nanny for Abraham.

Please continue to pray for the ministry in Peru. And the pastors who have been called there. Pastor Osmel serves faithfully fulfilling his call. Pastor Walterson from the Lutheran church of Paraguay has been called to serve as well. We pray for his family and their transition to Peru.



At the beginning of August we participated in the annual missionary conference for the missionaries of Latin America and the Caribbean. It was such a wonderful time to see all of our fellow missionaries from Spain, Mexico, Peru and everywhere else. We had business meetings every day as well as worship, bible study, continuing education and fellowship. It's truly a huge



blessing to get to participate in this conference every year. This year we were especially thankful for the child care team. Being able to focus on our meetings while Abraham was well taken care of, was a huge gift.

**Far Reaching Benefits of Vacation Bible School**

In July the congregation of Palmar Arriba had VBS after many years without. Bible school is a great chance to teach children the Word of God and form their faith. It has also been amazing to see how the Lord has used that week to strengthen the faith and encourage the whole church not only the kids. Our teen girls helped at VBS and while they had irregular church attendance previously they have been in church every week since. Additionally, we have been able to get a youth group started. We have also seen new children coming to worship and bringing their families along with them.



Carlos came with his friends to VBS. He brought his father to church the first week after VBS and this week he brought his whole family.

**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.

To support our work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:  
Mission Central

40718 Highway E16, Mapleton, IA 50134

On the memo line mark all checks "Support of Ramirez Family."

This will then be forwarded on the LCMS. You can also give directly  
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