

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 Start of 2021 on the Mission Field

In the Dominican Republic, children are still not allowed to attend schools or in person activities due to Covid-19. Many adults still remain reluctant to go to organized events. When people don't come to the church, then we take church to them! Pastors and missionaries have been doing home visitation to seek out the lost sheep and bring them the Gospel, the food for their starving souls. Over the last months, bible studies, prayer services, and devotions have been happening in the homes of members. Additionally we have started doing children's ministries in the homes of the members.



Pastor David leads visitation, taking the Gospel to the people and feeding souls



Children's ministries and bible studies happening in the homes has lead to a return to normal church activities.

The Word has been working in the hearts of its hearers and once again the church has been full. In February the congregation in Palmar Arriba was able to have the first Bible Study in the church building in almost 9 months.



Prayer Requests:

Please pray for the Church activities in Palmar Arriba.

We give thanks for the arrival of Eliana's passport and the time our family had together in February.

We give thanks for the renewal of our residency in the DR. And pray for Eliana's Visa request to the Dominican Republic.

We praise the Lord for the arrival of some of Eliana's documents and ask Him to continue to move the process along.

We give thanks for the Deaconess Course ending this month. And pray specifically for students, Yudiamy, Berkis, Olga, Rosi, Clarion, Shelia, Mercedes, y Nini.

We give thanks for new missionaries coming to Latin America from Brazil and pray for them as they transition.

We pray for decisions about Jeancarlos' upcoming vicarage starting in July 2021.

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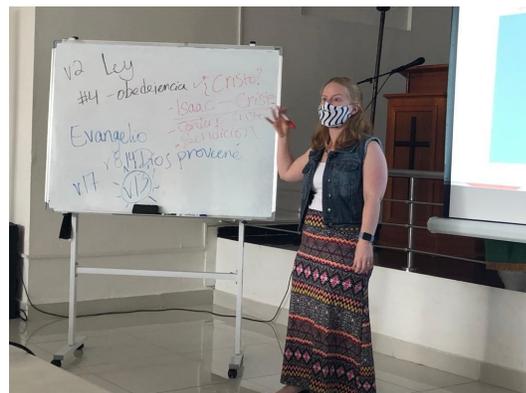
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Deaconess Program

Now that the course on Luther's Small Catechism is written, the 8 week course is being taught in February and March. This course is being taught in the Dominican Republic by Deaconess Caitlin and across Latin America in five different countries by a group of deaconess and pastor mentors. It was a joy and blessing to be in the DR during February and teach in person. Teaching will



continue virtually while Caitlin is in Michigan. The students are enjoying taking a deeper look at Luther's catechism and learning how to apply it to their diaconal service and teaching. This course book which Caitlin wrote on the catechism will be used as well for the pre-seminary program for men throughout Latin America. Deaconess Caitlin has now been assigned to write a course for the women on the Old Testament. This will be an ongoing project over the next 6 months.



Ramirez Family Personal Update

Praise the Lord Eliana received her passport at the end of January. The Lord sent it just in time as our families' residency in the Dominican Republic was about to expire (it has to be renewed every year in person in the DR). With the arrival of Eliana's passport we were able to spend the month of February in the DR. It was a blessing to be together and to participate in person in the life of the church. We praise the Lord for guiding everything so that residency was granted again for Caitlin, Jeancarlos and Abraham. Caitlin and the kids have now returned to Michigan to continue with the visa request for Eliana. This visa must be granted before she can apply for residency. Without it she can not spend more than 30 days in the DR. Jeancarlos remained in the DR to be able to focus on field work and classes. He is looking forward to vicarage which will start in July 2021. Please join us in prayer for the preparations to be made for a vicarage placement.



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