

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**.



Fall has arrived

Fall has arrived! And while that doesn't mean cold breezes or leaves falling off the trees in Latin America it does mean back to school and a break in our hot summer temperatures. Jeancarlos is back to school for his final year of classes in Seminary. He has also started his vicarage serving in Palmar Arriba. We praise the Lord that Eliana's residency in the Dominican Republic was

approved. At the beginning of summer we lost our nanny due to some health issues which caused her to stop working. We are so thankful that the Lord has provided someone new for us this fall! Abraham (now 3) and Eliana (1 next month) both love her, which is a huge relief for mommy. As Jeancarlos begins his final year of seminary, we have begun to think about our upcoming move back to Peru (summer 2022). We continue to pray for the church in Lima and also the preparations being made for Jeancarlos' return as a pastor.

Jean Carlos' last first day as a seminary student!



Installation of Vicar Jeancarlos

Prayer Requests:

We give thanks that Jeancarlos' mother received her passport and will be able to visit us for Christmas.

We give thanks that Eliana's residency was approved.

We pray for Jeancarlos' vicarage and final year of studies at the seminary.

We pray for the Church and ministries in Palmar Arriba. Rejoicing for the activities of bible study, Sunday school, Divine Service and Visits.

We give thanks for the Old Testament 1 course which is finished and being taught to our Deaconess Students.

We pray for the Deaconess students who are in the final year of classes of their three year program.

We pray for the planning which is currently happening for our family's return to Peru Summer 2022.

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LCMS Missionaries and US Partners gathered together in Santiago, DR for our semiannual Forum.



LCMS deaconesses and Dominican deaconess students celebrate the commissioning of Missionary Deaconess Clarion Fritsche

Forum in the Dominican Republic

Twice a year missionaries gather together with our partners from the U.S. to give reports on the ongoing work, look at the strategic plan of the mission and plan the next steps. The Dominican Republic was blessed to hold our Forum in September. It was a joy to have our partners here with us to experience daily life and see the work. We also held a country wide worship service to celebrate the start of the new academic year at the Seminary. In the last month a new missionary Deaconess was commissioned and installed and a new missionary pastor was ordained and installed. We had much to celebrate together. If your congregation is interested in joining one of our Forums in Latin America and having a greater role in supporting the mission work with in a specific country please let us know.

VBS

This summer we had some awesome Vacation Bible Schools on the field. Deaconess Caitlin helped write a program which was used at four different churches for their VBS activities. Deaconess Caitlin helped lead two week long events in Santiago, Dominican Republic. At the first church, Pueblo Nuevo we had 30 children for our first real in person children's ministries since the pandemic began. The congregation is now having in person Sunday school again along side of worship. At the second congregation, Palmar Arriba we had almost 200 children participate. It was a crazy week, we prepared for 50 kids and had four times that amount there to hear the Gospel. Our Good Shepherd provides, we were able to make the craft supplies stretch for all the kids and everyone had a wonderful time learning about our Shepard and listening to His voice!



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