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News from the Rickman Family serving in Latin America

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Letters from Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*"Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."
Isaiah 43:18-19 (ESV)*

How wonderful it is to watch as God continues to work even in some of the most challenging times. What a blessing it is to see the Holy Spirit at work both creating faith in new believers and sustaining the faith of the Body of Christ.



Panama



Colombia



Mexico

....and other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.



This winter, the deaconesses are taking a course on Luther's Catechisms. We continue to mentor the ladies in Panama and recently started mentoring the ladies in Juarez, Mexico. Please pray for these ladies as they continue their studies.

We also give thanks for the continued service of these ladies in their congregations. Panama is currently in the middle of their dry season, which is their summer break, though this year is a little different, since the children have not been attending school for the past year. It is also different, since all the mission teams that were scheduled to visit this year were cancelled. For these reasons, the deaconess students at Dios Es Grande were instrumental in coordinating and leading the VBS last week for the children in their community. What a joy it is to see them applying what they have been learning as they prepare lessons and share God's Word with these little ones.

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Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for health and safety for our family as we serve in Latin America.
- ...for Rafael Voigt, a pastoral candidate from the Brazilian Seminary recently called to serve in Panama.
- ...for seminary and deaconess students as they resume classes.
- ...for local leaders in la IELPA and for more leaders to be raised up.
- ...thanks for the grace and eternal promises from the one who gives us all good things.
- ...thanks for the opportunities to serve His people in Latin America.
- ...thanks for all who make it possible for us to serve.

Latin America Ministry Update

The virtual English classes we started in the fall were very successful, so we have continued those conversation classes this winter, and also expanded them to include an additional class for beginning students who are not yet at a conversational level. It has been such a blessing and encouragement to work with LCMS volunteers from all over the US as they assist us in reaching these students in Panama, Mexico and Venezuela. Please join us in thanking God for providing these amazing volunteers and these expanding ministry opportunities connecting teachers and students from four countries. We also give thanks that CPTLN workshops and our evangelism classes have been bearing fruit with several new visitors regularly attending our services, Bible studies, and other activities. Pray that the Holy Spirit continues to work faith as we begin new member catechism classes and study the Lutheran faith. By God's grace, we are able to witness Him continuing to do "new things" even in the "wilderness" and "deserts." Thank you for accompanying us on this journey!



Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

We thank all of you for partnering with us and making it possible for us to share the most important message with those in Latin America! We are thankful for each of you walking alongside us!

In Christ <>>,

Arthur and Eva,

Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel and Mary Anna



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