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Letters from Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV)

We are so thankful for your partnership in the Gospel!

It is with great joy that we are able to share that your prayers for more workers in the harvest fields are being answered! This past month as we met with FORO partners for both Panama and Mexico, we were able to share that by God's grace and faithful provision, pastors have been and more continue to be trained and called to serve as "laborers in his harvest."



Panama



Colombia



Mexico

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



In Mexico, Guillermo Leyva and Neftali Garcia were recently called, ordained, and installed to serve as pastors in the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. Guillermo is now serving in the congregation of Todos Los Santos (All the Saints Lutheran Church) in Guadalajara and Nefta was recently called and on November 15th was ordained and installed to serve San Pablo (Saint Paul Lutheran Church) in Mexico City. Please join us in thanking the Lord of the harvest for sending these men to serve as pastors in Mexico and keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn and grow as shepherds of these congregations.

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Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for health and safety for our family as we serve in Latin America.
- ...for the newly called pastors, seminarians, vicars and deaconess students throughout Latin America.
- ...for those affected by the recent storms.
- ...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.

Panama Ministry Update

God is also providing workers for the harvest in Panama! We are thankful that Edilberto Mendez, director of Christ for All the Nations (Lutheran Hour, Panama), resumed his seminary studies this past semester. He is such a blessing to the Lutheran Church in Panama as he already is actively serving in many and various ways. It is a privilege to serve as his pastor, work alongside him, and encourage him in his studies. While there is a shortage of pastors in some areas, our partners in Brazil have an abundance of pastors they are willing to "share." Panama is one of several countries looking forward to welcoming one or two Brazilian pastors. Please pray for Edilberto as he balances work and his studies and pray for the Brazilian Pastors as they consider a call to serve as missionaries in Panama. Finally, we give thanks for over a hundred deaconesses in Panama, Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic who are currently finishing up a class on Luke and Acts. It has been a blessing to not only mentor the ladies in Panama, but also get to know several ladies studying in Guatemala and Venezuela. Join us in giving thanks for these workers!



*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! As the year comes to a close, please consider giving a year-end gift in support of God's work in Latin America.

In Christ <>✕,

Arthur and Eva,

Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel and Mary Anna



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