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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,

*The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
Psalm 28:7 (ESV)*

We give thanks to God for continuing to be our strength and shield even in the midst of challenging times. In mission work, it seems like there are always new challenges around the corner, yet God continues to provide for His Church and sustains His people with His eternal promises.



After all the damage done to the parochial hall, when construction abruptly halted with the roof already removed due to the pandemic and the subsequent exposure of the building to inundations during the lengthy rainy season, progress was finally being made with the new roof. Unfortunately, a couple weeks ago, the same church property sustained additional and quite significant damage as a storm caused a tree to fall on the roof of the sanctuary itself. The words of the hymn, *Built on a Rock*, ring true reminding us that God's Church continues to stand, "even when steeples are falling." We are thankful that His Church is not a building, but His people gathered together around His Word. In spite of these challenges to the physical property, God's work and the ministry of His Church continue to thrive with more and more visitors who have quickly become regulars interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to continue working faith in their lives.



Panama



Colombia



Mexico

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

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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 pastor from the Brazilian Seminary recently called to serve in Panama.
- ...for seminary and deaconess students as they resume classes.
- ...for local leaders in Ia 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

This spring, we continue with beginning English classes, we are teaching a class on Law and Gospel to the deaconesses, and are continuing to mentor the ladies in Panama and Ciudad de Juarez in Mexico. It is such a joy to see the ladies continuing to grow in their faith and learn how to apply what they are learning as they prepare Bible Studies and devotions for the women and children they serve at their various congregations. Please continue to keep these ladies in your prayers as they study.



Over the past year, Bethany, Zoe and the other young ladies from the missionary families in our region met monthly for Bible Study. It has been so fun for them to have a chance to connect regularly with other MKs as they study God's Word. Their group is called Beautiful Inheritance based on Psalm 16:6. You can see the verse above that they put together as a good-bye present for Deaconess Intern Kate Phillips who has been helping to lead their studies. Please pray for her as she prepares for her first call.

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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