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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,

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. -2 Timothy 3:16- (ESV)

As we approach Reformation Day, we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Scriptures and how God reveals himself to us in His Word and through Christ as the Holy Spirit continues to work faith in our lives and in the lives of those we serve.



The Reformation reminds us that our confession of faith is based on the scriptures and our work around Latin America and Caribbean is also based on this firm foundation.

In addition to weekly services, Bible studies, English classes, and Catechism classes we lead in Panama, we have also had the blessing of assisting with the formation of pastors and deaconesses not only in Panama, but also in the Ciudad de Juarez in Mexico. What an incredible joy it is to watch as the students open the scriptures and discover so many new things. With the beginning of a new school year at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic, we have begun two new classes—Old Testament and Deaconess Practice. The ladies are so eager to learn, the pastors have been very supportive encouraging their studies and attending classes and workshops when they are able, and there are two young men (potential seminarians) who have also been sitting in on many of the classes. Please join us in giving thanks for these students and for all those studying throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.



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, especially Eva and Baby Rickman.
- ...thanksgiving for Pastor Rafael Voigt's safe arrival and transition to 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 ladies studying in Mexico were especially excited to finish up the course on Mercy we taught this summer. They are looking forward to continuing to put into practice what they have learned this coming year



as they continue to work not only in several congregations, but also with the refugees in their community.

We thought we would be writing this newsletter from Panama, but the long delays we have experienced getting paperwork needed for passport renewal have forced us to postpone our transition back. For now, please continue to pray for our family as we remain in the Houston area and will be here until after the birth--anticipated any day now. Please also rejoice with us that the pregnancy is nearly full-term and continue to pray for Eva, the remainder of the pregnancy and for a safe delivery.

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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