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News from Rev. Dr. Arthur, Deaconess Eva, and the Rickman Family serving in Latin America

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Letters from Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" Psalm 96:3, ESV

The Lord continues to bless the work here in wonderful ways, and we are excited to share some recent events with you that have strengthened our outreach to the community and brought much joy to our congregation.

We had the privilege of hosting an eyeglass clinic at Redeemer, Balboa, in partnership with a MOST Ministries volunteer team from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City. The event was a tremendous success! A total of 145 individuals from the surrounding community were served with eye exams, and 220 pairs of glasses were distributed. The joy in their faces as they tried on glasses was a beautiful reminder of how God's love is shown through acts of mercy.

Before the clinic began, we were blessed with 120 people attending worship that morning! Some were first-time visitors, and it was a blessing to welcome them to hear God's Word. We continue to pray that the seeds planted during this outreach event will take root and bear fruit in faith as more individuals hear God's Word.

Another recent highlight was our Reformation service, hosted by Redeemer as a joint celebration with the other congregations in Panama City. This was a day filled with worship, a short Luther drama, music from the students in our music program at the public school across the street, food, fellowship, and activities for the children.

During the service, Bethany, Zoe and Noah were also confirmed. We praise God for His faithfulness in their lives and for the joy of seeing them grow in the knowledge and love of Christ. The Reformation celebration was a beautiful expression of our unity in the Gospel.



Panama



Colombia



Mexico

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



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Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for the congregation we serve in Panama and for all our recent visitors.
- ...for health and safety for our family and all who serve in Latin America.
- ...for seminarians and deaconess students studying throughout the region.
- ...for the strengthening of our partners.
- ...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.

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Rickman Family Update

Our congregation has continued the tradition started by Eva's first class of deaconesses many years ago to bless the first baby boy and girl born on Reformation Day with a basket of items for the baby along with a Bible, Catechism, Children's Bible stories and information about our church. It is such a joy



to visit and pray with the new moms. Bethany and Mary Anna helped Eva get everything ready. Noah and Mary Anna have also become quite the balloon artists making special balloon fish, crosses and hearts for the children at the eye clinic and on Reformation Day. Bethany also made special bookmark keepsakes for each of the visitors. Please pray for the new moms and their little ones and for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of all our recent visitors.

***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! Please prayerfully consider supporting the ongoing work here with monthly pledge or one-time gift. We are thankful for each of you walking alongside us and look forward to connecting with many of you this spring!

In Christ <+><,

Arthur and Eva,

Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel, Mary Anna, Addy and Hannah



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