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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 in Christ,

*And he said to them, "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."  
Luke 10:2, ESV*



Panama



Colombia



Mexico

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

Thank be to God, for more laborers for God's harvest field in Panama! Rev. Demetrio Perez recently completed three years of studies at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic. Arthur was able to attend the symposia and his graduation in May. Demetrio and his wife Nuria, who is also studying to be a deaconess, recently returned to Panama to continue their service here. Please join us in giving thanks for these faithful servants of God.

The past few months have been filled with so many blessings as we continue to work on replanting our congregation in Balboa. Easter was a joyous occasion celebrating the resurrection of our Lord as we joined together for worship and fellowship including breakfast, an egg hunt and other activities for the children. Our greatest joys were reconnecting with some members who live further away and can't attend regularly and welcoming a precious baby girl into God's family through the waters of Holy Baptism. Arthur has had the privilege of baptizing three more little ones over the past few months. He has also been meeting regularly with a young man for adult instruction / catechesis studying not just Luther's Small Catechism, but also the Large Catechism and other parts of the Book of Concord.

Eva continues working with the ladies in Spain and Panama finishing up this academic year with a course on mercy and the second trimester of the diaconal practicum. She also continues serving throughout the region and is currently preparing the fall practicum for the deaconesses. In June, Redeemer also helped host a workshop on reconciliation in conjunction with the Mercy Center and Seminary in the Dominican Republic. Church workers and lay members were invited from all the congregations, and it also served as a continuing education course for the deaconesses and deaconess students.

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## Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for the church in Panama and the safe return of Pastor Demetrio and Nuria.
- ...for health and safety for our family as we serve in Latin America.
- ...for the deaconess students we are working with in Panama and Spain.
- ...for Pastor Patricio who is recovering from a brain bleed.
- ...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.

There are many opportunities to serve. Check out the current list and download an application at [www.lcms.org/service](http://www.lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

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## Rickman Family Update



Our congregation has quite a history, since it is located in the former Panama Canal Zone and over the years served many military families. In the past few months, our family has had the opportunity to connect with some of these former members who have passed through and wanted to meet us and see the church. Recently, we also had the blessing of meeting two former members who were back in Panama for a 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. One was a missionary kid whose father served Redeemer. It was so fun to hear more of Redeemer's history through their eyes and have her show us *her* room in the parsonage.



***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 a monthly pledge. We are thankful for each of you walking alongside us!**

**In Christ <+><,**

*Arthur and Eva,*

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



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