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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,

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." -2 Peter 3:18-*

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who sustains us with His grace as we grow each day in the fear and knowledge of Him. First of all, we want to begin by thanking all of you who invited us into your homes for meals or to spend the night (or many nights) and for all the congregations who invited us to share about God's work in Latin America. After more than five years since our family's last home service right before the pandemic, we really treasured the joyful reunions and time we spent in fellowship with many of you. Your prayers, encouragement and support mean more to us than we can express in words and unite us all in the important work God has set before us. Thank you!!! For those of you we were unable to visit this time, we would be happy to arrange a time to meet and share about God's work via Zoom.

Since returning to Panama the first week in June, things have been a bit of a blur as Arthur had a trip planned a few days after our return, and we scrambled to submit paperwork for the twins' residency visa. Arthur has returned to leading all the services at Redeemer, while Pastor Demetrio and Nuria take some vacation after covering for us while we were in the US. Eva has been preparing the curriculum and practicum for the third cycle of deaconess students who will begin their studies in September, and Arthur has been working on getting things ready to launch the program to all the students using a new online platform. Please pray that everything goes smoothly onboarding the students and that the ladies in all the countries have sufficient internet access to make use of this new tool for accessing their course material. It is a blessing for both of us to observe the growth that has taken place in theological education throughout the region, especially in the last decade with the formation of Concordia the Reformer Seminary, DR.



The past few weeks, we have had a lot to celebrate at Redeemer including birthdays, anniversaries, Father's Day, and the birth of a baby. We are thankful for so many blessings and the opportunity to rejoice together as the body of Christ.



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.
- ...for health and safety for our family and all who serve in Latin America.
- ...for seminarians and deaconess students preparing to resume classes in September.
- ...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.

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

One of the most amazing highlights of our visits in the USA was visiting Mission Central and getting to meet Mary Anna's pen pal, Mary. It was such a treat to have the opportunity to meet Mary and her family who drove several hours from Nebraska to Mission Central to make the visit possible. It is a joy to see her love for Jesus and her excitement to spread the Gospel.

After, our time on the road and a bit of a break from school, our children have also jumped full force back into their studies. Please keep them in your prayers as they try to catch up from a bit of a late start to their school year (school in Panama is from Mar- Dec with a summer break from Jan-Feb).



***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 or one-time gift. 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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