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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,

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

- Romans 10:14-15, ESV -

This verse has been especially meaningful for us this month as we reflect on the many ways God continues to raise up and send workers into His harvest field. Through theological education, church planting, and partnerships throughout the region, the Lord is faithfully caring for His Church and extending the reach of the Gospel. We are deeply thankful for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the Gospel. The Lord continues to open doors for mission work here in Panama and throughout Latin America, and it is a joy to share some of those blessings with you.

In addition to our regular congregational activities, this month was filled with deaconess intensive classes and the continuation of the students' first trimester of the deaconess practicum. The ladies are now approaching the conclusion of their first year of studies, with two more years of formation ahead of them. It has been a blessing to watch them continue growing in theological understanding, mercy work, and confidence in serving within their congregations. We continue to pray that the Lord will strengthen and guide them as He prepares them for faithful service in their congregations.

This month also included some travel for Arthur as he participated in the Mexico FORO. It was greatly encouraging to see how the work in Mexico continues to expand through new church plants and the ongoing formation of pastors and deaconesses. Please keep Oscar in your prayers as he prepares to graduate from CMSCR later this month and transition back into service in Mexico. We rejoice in the Lord's provision of workers for His Church and pray that He will bless Oscar as he begins this next stage of ministry.

Arthur also traveled to Colombia in conjunction with a Luther Academy theological conference. Through conversations with church leaders, theological discussions, and time spent learning about the opportunities and needs there, important foundations are beginning to be laid for the future expansion of LCMS work into Colombia. We are thankful for the relationships being formed and ask for your continued prayers as the Lord guides these conversations and opens doors according to His will.



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Colombia



Mexico

...and other areas in
Latin America and the
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Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for members and visitors of the congregation we serve in Panama.
- ...for health and safety for our family and all who serve in Latin America.
- ...for our confirmands beginning their classes
- ...for pastoral and deaconess students.
- ...for the safe arrival and installation of Pastor Anderson.
- ...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

One of the greatest blessings this month has been the answer to a prayer that many of you have faithfully lifted up alongside us for quite some time. Please rejoice with us in the safe arrival and installation last Sunday of Pastor Jonathan Anderson. He will be serving with us at Redeemer Lutheran Church and assisting some of the other congregations here in Panama City. What a joy it is to welcome another fellow worker in Christ! We are incredibly thankful for the Lord's provision and already encouraged by the opportunities for partnership and shared ministry ahead. Please continue praying for a smooth transition for him as he becomes familiar with the work, the congregations, and life here in Panama.



*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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