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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,

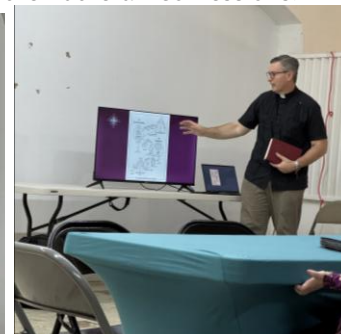
"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23 (ESV)

Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and generous support of the Lord's work here in Panama. It is a privilege to serve and remember that the work ultimately belongs to the Lord. There are seasons of planting, watering, teaching, and encouraging. Sometimes we see immediate fruit, while other times it requires patience and perseverance. Yet through every season, God remains faithful to His promises. He continues to build His Church through His Word and Sacraments, strengthening His people and raising up faithful servants to proclaim His Gospel. What a joy it is to witness His faithfulness day after day and to have each of you alongside us on this journey.

Behind the scenes, much work continues as we prepare for the next academic year. Eva, together with the Deaconess Circle, has been coordinating doctrinal and grammatical corrections for the deaconess courses that will be taught next year. At the same time, Arthur has been instrumental in implementing the Canvas learning platform at the seminary. Eva has also played a significant role in this process. The deaconess program became the first program at the seminary to fully integrate Canvas, with all courses offered through the platform during the past academic year.

While there have been occasional challenges related to internet access and varying levels of technological familiarity among students, the overall experience has been overwhelmingly positive. The platform has increased accessibility for students throughout Latin America and has opened new possibilities for theological education. Because of its success, the seminary is now exploring ways that other programs may also benefit from utilizing this technology.

Last week, Arthur taught a class on the preparation of the altar for the ladies at Redeemer. In addition to training pastors and deaconesses, we are trying to encourage our other members to serve in various ways. Confirmation instruction also continues each week as we prepare another group to publicly confess the faith. We ask for your prayers for these students as they continue growing in their understanding of God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions.



Arthur leading a study on the preparation of the altar for the ladies at Redeemer.



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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 as they study the Lutheran faith.
- ...for pastoral and deaconess students.
- ...for safe travels for LAC missionaries traveling to and from our regional conference in August.
- ...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. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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Rickman Family Update

This month, Zoe had the opportunity to use her musical gifts by leading the congregation's music while several of our regular musicians were away. It has been a joy to watch our children grow and use the talents God has given them in service to His Church. Another blessing of serving in a congregation is sharing not only in worship but also in the lives of God's people. Our church family had the opportunity to celebrate two of our members, Yasi and Moisés, by attending an opera in which they were performing. Their remarkable musical talents have long been a blessing to our congregation, and it was a joy to support them while enjoying an evening of fellowship together with many members of our church family.



***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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