

Connecting You with Mission Perú!

...Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?...
Here am I; send me. (Isaiah 6:8)

We go where he leads...but sometimes that means we stay

He Shall Direct Your Paths

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**My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them, and they follow Me.**
John 10:27

*The Good Shepherd - painted on the
side of the mission church in
Las Americas, Santo Domingo*

I know, you were expecting to see a big photo of me arriving in Perú. To tell you the truth...I was, too! The phrase “expect the unexpected” has quickly become the best way to describe my life in the mission field. This path contains all kinds of unexpected events, both blessings and challenges.

I was beginning to pack to head to Perú when one of these unexpected challenges occurred. There is some transition happening in the team in Lima and, instead of arriving in the middle of that change, we decided it would be best to extend my orientation, language and training with the regional team until things are settled in Perú.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

I'm blessed to be able to spend more time getting to know and learning from the amazing team here in the Dominican Republic. Working along side the regional team here also means I have the opportunity to engage with missionaries from the other countries we serve in Latin America and the Caribbean. I thank God for these amazing people!

In addition to my Spanish learning, this month I am plugging in with the Regional Communications Team.

I am helping with various projects and learning the ropes of communication between countries and back home.



I am also helping where I can with the local mission sites; using the talents God has blessed me with to encourage others on their walk with

Jesus. Two weeks ago I hosted a team art and lettering afternoon for the women and children of the mission here in Santiago. What an awesome way to meditate on the word of God!

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10

I know that the Lord will use this delay to better prepare me for the mission in Perú and to serve his people around me while I wait for his prompting to move once more. Please keep the people of Perú and those God has called to serve them in your prayers. *We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).* And Pray for the strength and confidence to hold tight to his promises during the unknown.

THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

The last week of April, Concordia The Reformer Mercy Center and Seminary in the Dominican Republic hosted a Symposium based the theme “Theology of the Cross” (a celebration of the 500 year anniversary of the Heidelberg Disputation). We had an excellent week of presentations and fellowship.

Presidents of eight Lutheran Church bodies, as well as the Directors of three seminaries; a total of twenty-seven Pastors and church workers from across Latin America were in attendance of the event.



LA TEOLOGÍA DE LA CRUZ

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Will you please remember me in your prayers?

- For the members of our mission churches in Perú and the people we serve throughout Lima
- That God would show the way for me to best serve him during this time in the Dominican Republic
- For my family, that they would also have peace during this time of separation
- For confidence and swift fluency in Spanish
- For safe travels for Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez and her husband Jeancarlos while they are on Home Service in the United States
- For Pastor Eddie Hosch and his family as they prepare to return to the United States
- For Pastor Cullen and Deaconess Jackie Duke in Perú

LINKED TO LIMA: UPDATES FROM THE FIELD



We celebrated with our dear brothers and sisters in Christ as we welcomed Marco Antonio into our congregation in La Victoria through the rite of confirmation. Afterwards we had a celebration with all three of our new adults members from this last month.

(from the Hosch family Facebook page)



YOU ARE AMAZING, THANK YOU!!!

We are SO close to filling the heart! I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all of your prayers and support. Every dollar goes to helping me serve the Lord. I cannot tell you how thankful I am for your help.

What happens if I surpass 100%? The more funding I have, the longer I am able to stay on the field. So please continue to pray about joining my sending team!

I only need 3 more senders at \$50/month to help me stay in Lima!

Join my support network today: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/dykema> or mail to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod;
P.O. Box 66861; St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
Include in the memo line: “Support of Peru—Dykema”