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News from the Rickman Family serving in Latin America

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Letters from Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD! –Psalm 27:14 ESV—

During this Lenten season, as we meditate on Christ's suffering for our salvation, we remember our baptism and the new life we have in Christ. As we remember we are dust, we also look to the One who has washed us clean in the waters of baptism and continues to nourish us with His body and blood.



Above: Arthur helping paint the roof of the Sabanitas mission church along with a team visiting from Wichita Falls, TX, Arthur preaching at Dios Es Grande, Loma Cova, and the installation of Pastor Patricio Mora in Loma Cova.

We were blessed with the help from the members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita Falls, TX. The group worked hard to make much needed repairs on the mission church in Sabanitas. We are thankful for their service and continued support of the work here in Panama.

We are also excited to share that plans are underway to re-establish diaconal work here in Panama. We have been working with local church leaders to identify more women to be trained as deaconesses. Pray for both the men and women God is preparing to serve His church.

As we continue to support the work in Panama, Mexico, Colombia and Cuba, please join us in praying for our brothers and sisters in areas of unrest, violence, and persecution. Pray for God's light to continue to shine brightly through the darkness.



Panama



Colombia



Cuba



Mexico

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Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for health and safety for our family as we serve in Latin America.
- ...pray for our visas to be processed and granted quickly.
- ...for local leaders in la IELPA and for more leaders to be raised up.
- ...for continued health and safe delivery for Amanda Gauthier and baby due in May.
- ...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

Here in Panama, we continue to wait for our visas and God's timing. There have been several unexpected delays that have made this process take longer than we expected. Thankfully, things are moving along. We finally received Mary Anna's documents this afternoon and now have only one more step of authentication here in Panama before we can submit all our paperwork. Pray with us that all our paperwork can be successfully submitted in the coming week and that the next steps in the immigration process go smoothly and quickly. Our little ones continue to grow and we enjoy watching them learn and explore the world around them. They have especially enjoyed making new friends and watching all the new animals they have encountered living here in Latin America.



*Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15*

We are so thankful for all your prayers and for partnering with us in sharing the most important message with those in Latin America! We are thankful for each of you walking alongside us! Thank you for supporting God's work in Latin America. May God grant each of you a blessed Lenten season!

In Christ <>>,

*Arthur and Eva,
Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel and Mary Anna*

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