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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,

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

—Col. 2:6-7 ESV—

Please join us in giving thanks to the One who gives all good things! We rejoice and are so excited to share that our visa papers have been submitted, and we just got our temporary cards this morning. We still have several months to wait before we are approved for permanent residency, but this is a huge step in the process. Thank you so much for your prayers!



Above: The recent graduates of the seminary in the Dominican Republic.

We also give thanks for the graduation of eight new graduates from Concordia Seminary, Dominican Republic on May 24th. They will be serving throughout Latin America. Two of them will be returning to serve as pastors in Mexico along with two vicars.

This past month, there was also a FORO in Panama and we met together with the church leaders to evaluate progress and work together on a ministry plan for the future. Please continue to pray as we work together to expand the ministry here.

Please also pray for those traveling to the Mexico FORO and those supporting the work there as they meet together this week. Pray that they also have a chance to learn and grow at the mercy conference following the FORO.



Panama



Colombia



Mexico

...and other areas of
Latin America and the
Caribbean

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Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for health and safety for our family as we serve in Latin America.
- ...for local leaders in the IELPA and for more leaders to be raised up.
- ...thanks for safe arrival of baby Aviva Gauthier and for rebirth through the waters of Holy Baptism.
- ...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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Ministry Update Cont.

Recently, our local Christ for All the Nations (Lutheran Hour) office invited leaders from throughout Latin America for a week of training. Arthur was asked to assist by leading a devotion for the group. He had the opportunity to share about the hope we have in Christ.

Preparations continue for the launch of the Deaconess Formation Program in Panama. The first course on Diaconal Identity will begin with a one day intensive on June 15th. We look forward to

having Deaconess Danelle Putnam with us from the Dominican Republic to help us kick off the program. Please keep the ladies in your prayers as they learn more about



serving as deaconesses. Above: Arthur leading a devotion for the leaders of CPTLN.

*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. God's blessings!

In Christ <>>,

Arthur and Eva,

Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel and Mary Anna

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