

Misericordia Activa

An Active Mercy

The love of Christ at work in the streets of Latin America

News from the **Ramirez Family** serving the Lord in the **Dominican Republic**.

Ramirez Family Personal Update

It's September and for the Ramirez family just like for your family that means back to school! At the end of August the students began arriving from all over Latin America. This year there are nine students in the residential program. Jeancarlos is now in his second year of studies and he is considered one of the experienced students. He has been given the task of mentoring and guiding the new students. We pray for wisdom and patience for him in this task. It has been great to hit the books and get back to a normal rhythm of life.

In September our little man turned one! Its hard to believe that a whole year has already passed by so quickly. We praise the Lord for the gift that He has given us, so many smiles, and such joy this past year. We pray that he continues to strengthen and guide us that we may be the best parents possible raising Abraham to know and love His Savior. We also praise the Lord this month because we have found a nanny for Abraham! This will be a huge help in allowing Caitlin to focus more on work knowing that Abraham is well taken care of and safe. Thank you for all your prayers for us in this topic.



Family Photo from Abraham's
1st Birthday

Start of a New Academic Year at the Seminary

With the opening of the new school year at the seminary we have welcomed new students into our midst. This year we have one Vicar in residence, two second year students and six new first year students. They come from five countries through out Latin America. Deaconess classes also continue; Caitlin has seven students currently. We rejoice that the group has completed the first course Diaconal Identity and will move on to the second course in the program. Thank you for all your prayers for these ladies. We ask that you continue to pray for all the students, diaconal and pastoral that the Lord guide and encourage them in their studies.



Opening Service for Concordia El Reformador Seminary
Pictured here, Professors and Students

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Prayer Requests Thanksgiving & Petitions

Praise the Lord our deaconess students have completed their first course.

We praise and thank God for the members of the Dominican Foro who faithfully support the work going on here.

Please pray for the upcoming Foro in Peru in November.

Praise the Lord that we have found a nanny for Abraham.

Praise the Lord for the arrival of Pastor Walterson from the Lutheran church of Paraguay to Peru. We continue to remember his family in prayers as they adjust to life in Lima.

Please pray for health for Yolanda, the wife of Pastor Osmel, from our mission in Peru.

Pray for Jeancarlos and the other students as well as for the professors at the seminary during this new academic year.



A Tragic Loss and the Lord's Mercy

This past month our congregation in Pueblo Nuevo was devastated by a fire which stole everything from four families in the dead of night. The fire was started by electrical wires in the restaurant on the corner. The fire then jumped to the nearby

houses. The families were awoken by the shouts of neighbors and escaped the houses only to stand on the street and watch as flames devoured all of their earthly belongings. It was an honor for the church to stand with these families in this moment of crisis. To be the voice and presence of Christ with them in the midst of their suffering to remind them that while they have lost much they have something which can never be taken away from them. In their baptism they have been made heirs of the King of Kings and they will inherit the kingdom of God with all of its riches. The church family came together with gatherings of clothing,



food, and hygiene products to cover their immediate needs. The church building was opened up as a gathering place for the families and community. Together we gathered around the Word in this disaster and looked to the cross witnesses to the Lord's mercy.



A page from the bible which survived the flames.

Give Thanks: an Ordination!

The mission in the Dominican Republic rejoices at the ordination of Pastor Yban Navarro. Yban is the third national pastor ordained in this young church. He was ordained during our September Foro. It was a joy to have all our partners here to receive updates on the work and celebrate with us this momentous occasion. All of the churches here in the Dominican joined together for the ordination service and shared a meal afterwards to celebrate.



Sending a Short-Term Mission Team

If your church is interested in sending a short term team to help with the work of the mission please contact me. We have open teams in Latin American during 2019.

To support our work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:
Mission Central

40718 Highway E16, Mapleton, IA 50134

On the memo line mark all checks "Support of Ramirez Family."

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