



Pr. Herb Burch serving as LCMS Area Facilitator for Belize, Honduras, Guatemala, and Venezuela with his beloved rib



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Prayer requests:

Thanksgiving for the dedication of our first Lutheran church building in Seine Bight and our FORO partnership.

Venezuela:

Thanksgiving for medicines, projects in Venezuela and support to refugees through LCMS Human care.

Honduras:

Oh Lord, speed the Legal process to register the Confessional Lutheran Church in Honduras and send more workers...

Guatemala:

Deaconess training, pastoral formation Nov 12-14. Orphanage project through Child Beyond, Immanuel Lutheran, Hood River, OR

Vicar Benjamin Flores from Bolivia and his wife Karina from Norway lived among the residents of Riversdale for their first year in Belize. This small fishing village doesn't have a church, but they have many children who need to hear about Jesus. They started a "kid's club" with basic Bible stories, catechism classes, and lessons in English. They loaned the kids Arch books to take home and read during the week and met with them every week end to reinforce their skills. Karina baked goodies for them in their landlord's oven. Now, Benjamin and Karina have moved to the Belmopan area where they are starting a Lutheran sports camp at Valley of Peace. They continue to maintain their relationship with the children in Riversdale, and every trip to the Placencia Peninsula includes a stop off to visit with friends there as well as invite the kids to learn more about Jesus...



Mariluz Hernandez greets every one with a smile. She participated for many years in the short term teams that served Seine Bight in the Placencia Peninsula. She received her associates degree in teaching and is busily employed as a teacher in the Anglican school in Placencia. She will be confirmed at our Reformation/dedication service the end of October.



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Short term teams in Northern Honduras

Many teams from congregations in St. Louis, Arizona, and Indiana have supported an orphanage in Tocoa, Honduras for many years.



Basically, non-denominational in nature, the leaders have a Christian background, but have not adhered to any specific doctrinal foundation. Now, leadership in the U.S.

would like to form a Lutheran High School to expand the k-8 program. We are working on ways to include their leaders in our on-line program through Concordia Seminary, the Reformer so we might form a Lutheran presence in Tocoa. Pray that we might also begin to form strong Christian leaders in Tocoa.

There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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Rebecca de Franco, Director of Lutheran Hour Ministries in Guatemala shares plans for new outreach with Roldan Rios.

Old and new ties with Guatemala

Last week I travelled with Roldan Rios to Guatemala City for many purposes...Roldan graduated from SETECA (Theological Seminary of Central America) and needed his transcripts so he can make application for colloquy as our first Belizean Lutheran Pastor. We visited Castillo Fuerte and Santa Cruz Lutheran churches to encourage them in their outreach. We discussed how best to purchase and equip a mobile medical clinic supported by an LWML grant. (Dr. Ely Orozco of Santa Cruz will be lead on this project). We visited new land that Child Beyond Intl. of Immanuel Lutheran, Hood River, OR purchased to house an orphanage they currently support in San Cristobal, Guatemala, and hugged a bunch of children.



Sergio adjusts Pr. Clint Lutz' hat on a visit to the orphanage