

# 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

This month the Ramirez family had to take a trip to the capital, Santo Domingo, to visit the immigration office. We have been working on obtaining residency for about a year now. The government has repeatedly asked for additional documentation which they did not originally request. This has been a stressful process for our family due to the fact that this has involved the governments of three countries, the Dominican Republic, the United States and Peru. We have finally finished this step of documentation and moved on to the next step. Our entire family had medical exams in the capital and now the government is reviewing everything to make a decision on our residency. We pray that all goes smoothly and we may be granted residency.

This month we also celebrated Abraham's baptismal birthday as a family. This is such an important day to remember as it is the day when the Lord welcomed Abraham as His own child. This day He gave to Abraham life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins. This day in the waters of baptism, Abraham was washed of all his sins and given faith in Jesus Christ. For the rest of his life Abraham will never need to doubt his standing before the Lord, but simply remember this day when he was baptized. We can trust in the promise of the Lord that no matter what happens Abraham will live forever with us in Heaven. We celebrated as a family by reading the baptismal texts in the catechism, singing the hymn 'God's Own Child' and lighting a candle. How does your family celebrate and remember your baptismal birthdays? If you don't already have this habit as a family consider starting a new tradition. It's such a joy to take a little time to speak the Gospel



We remembered Abraham's Baptismal birthday this month

words to your children and remind them what the Lord has done for them.



Deaconess classes at Pueblo Nuevo. Read the story on page 2

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## Prayer Requests Thanksgiving & Petitions

Please pray for the upcoming Foro in Peru in November.

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

Pray for our residency request in the Dominican Republic.

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 Peru.

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

As the holidays approach we ask for your prayers for all missionaries who are far away from family during these times. Pray that their spirits are uplifted and the devil doesn't cause loneliness or depression.

### **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 2020.



### **What's been happening in Peru?**

The Lord has been at work in the church in Peru and we're so excited to see so many good things happening there. Castillo Fuerte participated in a huge community event, where they were able to share with the public about who they are and what they offer to the community. Castillo Fuerte was also recognized by the local government for the work they do and had a chance to network with other non-profit organizations.



Pastor Osmel, Pastor Walterson and Vicar Elvis have been busy in the churches of La Victoria and Los Olivos. At La Victoria, five youth from Castillo Fuerte were confirmed. This is the second group of youth to be confirmed from Castillo Fuerte. The first group was in 2017 with Deaconess Caitlin. At the congregation in Los Olivos the adult members have been working through a series of bible classes to further their leadership abilities, service to the church and biblical knowledge. We are so thankful for these three dedicated church workers, Pastors Osmel & Walterson as well as Vicar Elvis who are continuing the work in Lima, Peru.

### **Teaching Women & Becoming a Writer**

One of my great joys of diaconal work is teaching. It has been such a pleasure to teach deaconess classes here in the DR and grow with the ladies. My deaconess students and I have finished our first class 'Deaconess Identity' I'm very proud of them and myself for all the time and energy we put into this class. The seminary has requested that I help with the writing of course material and not just the teaching. This is a new and scary role for me. During my ministry I have not done much writing at all. Life on the mission field has been far too busy to sit and write out bible studies, devotions or lesson plans. Starting small, I am currently working to write a bible study series on the 10 commandments for young women (which will be used with our youth group). Additionally, I am helping with the review and editing process for diaconal classes which have already been written. Please pray for me as the Lord stretches me and uses me in this new way.

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