

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**.



Above: The Ramirez Family Christmas Day
Below: Actors from the Christmas play Palmar



Christmas and New Years in the Dominican Republic

During the holidays we enjoyed a visit from our family. It was so wonderful to have family here to share the holidays and to share our life. It was such a blessing for Abraham to be able to play with his cousin and share Christmas with his extended family. Abraham is growing like crazy. Every day he is a little bigger and a whole lot smarter. He is very vocal, although we are still waiting on language development. He has 6 teeth now and another one coming in.

The missions here all had special Christmas services and meals to celebrate together. The youth group in Palmar Arriba put on a play for the congregation on Christmas eve to tell the nativity story. In Pueblo Nuevo the congregation brought in gifts to give to children in need. These were given to a family from the church, the son of a seminary student and the local hospital. It was a great way for the congregation to be reminded that the Lord has given us much in his arrival to this world, and so we can also give to our neighbor in love.

Abraham with his cousin for Christmas fun!



Thank you to all those who were able to send us a Christmas or end of the year donacion. Thank you to all those who have helped us get to this point and serve the Lord faithfully for six years. As another year begins we look forward to continuing in partnership with you. While we are the active hands and feet which go, we know that it would not be posible without your regular financial gifts and even more importantly your prayers. May the Lord bless each and everyone of you and continue to use you as a blessing to others just as you have been to us. Thank you.

For more news updates, stories and photos follow us on Facebook, search for RamirezMissions.

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Prayer Requests:
Thanksgiving
& Needs

Please continue to pray for our residency request in the Dominican Republic.

We give thanks for the visit of our family from Michigan.

Please pray with us for a decision on our request for a delayed vicarage. (If approved this would mean Jeancarlos would do vicarage school year 2021-2022)

We give thanks that our Lord has sent his Son to join us in this world born as a babe. We also give thanks for all those who joined our missions over the holidays and heard this Good News.

We give thanks for the baptism and confirmation of Nelly.

Please pray for the youth group in Palmar. We had a break with the holiday and the girls have been finding it difficult to get back into the rhythm of church life.

Please pray for our deaconess students, Leonida, Mercedes, Shelia, Nini, Rosi, Olga, Yudaimy.

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.

It's a new year and with it comes new projects both in the churches as well as in our home. The church in Palmar Arriba gathered together to paint and spruce up the sanctuary last weekend. Members of the congregation of all ages helped with the painting and cleaning. After all the hard work was done the congregation shared a meal together. In Pueblo Nuevo the building manager had some work done as well. The workers put in a new door to our location, and fixed the building's elevator. The work crews left behind a lot of dust, which motivated the ladies of the church to have a 'spring cleaning' and spend time getting into all the nooks and crannies. At the seminary, the library project is all hands on deck. We had a librarian here to categorize all the books and create a call system. The students helped to put together bookshelves and unpack books. At our house we had a water leak which led to a remodeling of a bathroom, cleaning of the gutters, new sewage pipes and a reflooring of the patio.

The congregation in Palmar painted the church



Work being done to create the Seminary Library

We've had workers at our house every day for the last two weeks. We pray they are able to solve the water problems and finish quickly.

Attention!!! The Ramirez Family is going on Home Service!

In June and July 2020 the Ramirez family will be visiting the U.S. to see all of our partners, supporters and family in Christ. Please reach out to us this month to invite us to visit your bible class, church for worship, LWML meeting, Sunday school/VBS, missions board meeting or even host a special event at the church so that more people can meet us and hear the story about the awesome work of the Lord in Latin America! We would also love to meet with all of you our supporters and share a cup of coffee, a meal or an afternoon and say thanks in person for all that you do.

To set up a visit email me at: caitlin.ramirez@lcms.org or

Call Joe & Debbie Worden: **269.753.1357**

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