

The Lehmans in Spain



Worship, Despedidas, and Bienvenidas!

Greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus Christ!

In June, we had a virtual Foro. The Foro is an annual meeting with congregations and districts who are supporting the general mission. It is an opportunity to update them on all that has gone on over the last year, and to share with them what we are hoping to accomplish in the coming year. But with the current situation, we had to meet via Zoom. We were able to update our Foro supporters about our current situation, the men who we are blessed to have in pastoral formation, and the growth of our congregations here in Spain. We had a great group and are thankful for their continued support.

By the Grace of God, we are back meeting together every Sunday. Following all the guidelines, we have been able to be together to receive forgiveness through the Word and Sacrament. Please continue to pray for our members here in Spain.

It has also been a bittersweet time saying goodbye to some, and welcoming others back home.

On July 1, we said goodbye (despedida) to our GEO missionary Kayla Hoem. She did far too much work over the last 2.5 years explain it in a paragraph. But her efforts were instrumental in keeping the Spanish Lutherans (who are spread out all over this large country) connected and up to date with the latest happenings. Her hard work and creativity has been greatly appreciated. She will be missed, but we know that God will bless her future endeavors.

On July 17, we welcomed (bienvenida) Mario back into Spain. He had been studying at the seminary in the Dominican Republic for the last two years. He has graduated from his studies and is ready to begin serving the people here in Spain. We look forward to watching him grow and develop as the next pastor here in Spain. Thank you for praying for him and following his journey over the last two years. Please continue to pray as he settles into life back in Spain.

Summer is Here!!

by Christine Lehman

We made it to the end of school! The kids were ready for a break, and like many Moms back in the US during these times...so was I! The kids finished the school year strong and all had excellent grades to finish the school year. Next year, we will have a 10th grader (Hannah), a 7th grader (Noah), a 5th grader (Abigail), and a 4th Grader (Jonah). We are so proud of all they have accomplished during this very strange school year!

We had our first outing as a family right as school had ended. During the quarantine, the kids' passports were in need of renewal. We were assured by the US Embassy here in Spain, that we were ok and that we could come to their office when they restarted their regular services. Well, we waited for the call and took the first available appointment. We rode public transportation and had a very easy time. In an hour, we were back on the street having successfully renewed the passports. We couldn't have asked for an easier trip. This is a great example of a situation that was very stressful for us, but which the Lord had in His hands the entire time. We continue to be reminded of our Lord's faithfulness, especially during the smallest moments of our lives.

Thank you all for your continued prayers!

We thank our Lord for each of you, and we thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

The peace of Christ be with you today and always!

-The Lehman Family



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A Page of Pictures



Feria was cancelled this year due to Covid-19, but it didn't stop people from decorating their porches.



The kids trying to pass the time at the US Consulate



First Sunday back together at the Centro Casiodoro de Reina



Despedida (farewell) for Kayla Hoem