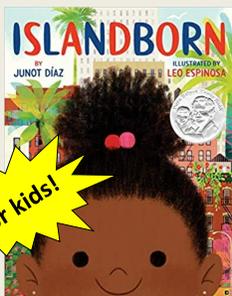
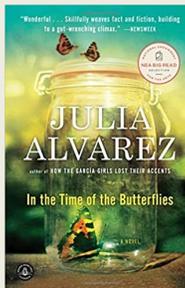
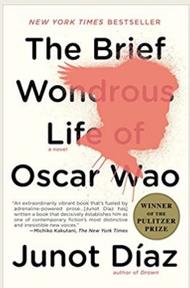
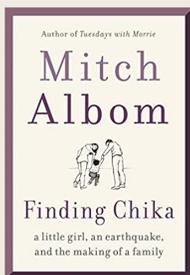


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Hispanola on a Page

The kindhearted people and enchanting imagery of the island on which I live have captured authors—and readers—worldwide. See if your local library has any of the following titles, all of which I've read or am currently reading, and escape to the sunny tropics without leaving your couch.



(If you received a hard copy of this and would like to help me be green and save on postage, please send an email to erin.mackenzie@lcms.org.)

V-B-S During C-O-V-I-D

The past few months have been unprecedented, for sure, but our unchanging God has remained as faithful as ever despite a world turned upside-down. Missionaries and local leaders around the region worked tirelessly to tell kids about His grace and goodness by offering innovative iterations of a summertime staple: Vacation Bible School. From north to south:



VBS leaders + participants in Orange Walk, Belize.

In Quebec (AND New Brunswick, the US, and the US Virgin Islands)...kids logged onto Zoom for daily live sessions featuring a Bible story, songs, memory verse review, science object lesson, and optional craft time. Second Corinthians 12:9 taught them that Jesus is our ultimate superhero.

In the Dominican Republic...the ladies of Pueblo Nuevo scrambled to make extra packets, to be delivered to kids' homes daily, when they were blessed with 10 more participants than anticipated! Each day, a different biblical figure(s) reminded all that "Jesus Lives!" Follow-up home visits to new families are in process.

In Puerto Rico...the entire church planting team collaborated on an *original* curriculum called "*Exploradores de la Creación*" (Explorers of Creation). Puppets enhanced daily briefings from the "research center," which were interspersed with pre-recorded video.

In Belize... "Belize Bible School Blitz" saw the church planting team lead half- or full-day events at multiple sites in the span of a single week.





Praises and Petitions

1. Thanksgiving for the [Wildauers](#) and [Logstons](#), who recently joined the LAC family and will serve in Belize after on-field orientation in the DR.
2. Thanksgiving for the 8/22 marriage of fellow missionary Jamielynn and seminarian Rafael.
3. Thanksgiving for the birth of Caleb Martín to Alliance missionary Rev. Osmel Soliz (Peru) & wife Yolanda.
4. For the Fritsche family at the loss of Rev. Joel's mother, Cheryl.
5. For MKs Elias and Sergei, freshmen at St. Paul's Lutheran boarding HS in Concordia, MO, and their families in Uruguay and the DR, respectively.

Home Sweet Parsonage

The [LCMS Missions in Latin America & the Caribbean Facebook page](#) recently shared some good news from Honduras: Nicaraguan missionary pastor, Rev. Junior Martínez, and family made a much-anticipated move into a new parsonage!

Honduras is one of the fields I knew the *least* about as I helped write updated narratives for each LAC project starting back in April. The goal in doing so was not only to educate the Church, but also me and the rest of the regional leadership team. Check!

The LCMS's work in Honduras could be summed up as 1) supporting church plants near the capital and southern coast; 2) fostering a pastor-deacon duo's outreach focus; and 3) seeking growth and harmony amongst US partners. But did you know that *five* international church bodies figure into the story of LCMS missions in Honduras, or that Rev. Martínez *also* travels 90 kilometers every other week to bring Word and Sacrament to a church plant in national capital Tegucigalpa's twin city, Comayagüela?

Read more on the [Honduras Mission project page](#) on the OIM website.



Above: All summer, the Krey family blessed me with lunch (& fellowship, like looking through baby books!) on Tuesdays.



Right: A tender moment between seminarian Hector & wife Yudaimy, prepping for the Sacrament of the Altar at Pueblo Nuevo.

Left: Charcuterie by the seashore!

Quote of the Month!

"The optimist says the cup is half full. The pessimist says the cup is half empty. The child of God says, 'My cup runneth over.'"

—Anonymous

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