



Church members from Los Olivos congregation in Lima clean, paint, and prepare their new worship space.



Left: The ordination of Rev. Coronado in Chile.
Right: Pastor Mora helps distribute food to community members in Panama.



Across Cultures

I would consider myself a pretty fluent speaker of *Spanglish*. Living and working in a cross-cultural and multicultural environment leads you to be flexible in what language you are speaking at any given moment. The international mission field boasts cultures and languages that are unique yet altogether unifying under the same mission of Christ. The Lutheran Church is no exception in the many languages and cultures it works among to share the Gospel message.

This month I want to share a snapshot of events and happenings from around the region. Here are just some of the places and people who are working tirelessly to Spread the Gospel, Plant Lutheran Churches, and Show Mercy in and around Latin America & the Caribbean.

Lima, Peru

We celebrate with the congregation of Los Olivos in the acquisition of a new worship space! This space has larger capacity to hold services and activities. Members have been working hard to fix up the building and prepare it for services. We also rejoice in the birth and baptism of Caleb, Rev. Osmel Soliz and Yolanda's healthy baby boy.

Cayman Islands

We welcome a new missionary, Rev. Dr. Gerald Paul, and his wife, Heidi, to serve the congregation in the Cayman Islands. Thanks be to God!

Valparaiso, Chile

Pastor Obed Coronado was ordained into the Holy Ministry this month by The Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile. Pastor Coronado is serving as a missionary pastor, called by The Lutheran Church of Venezuela. Praise God for all missionaries and pastors around Latin America!



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.

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**Belmopan, Belize**

Belize will soon be welcoming two new missionary families to its growing cohort of church workers! We give thanks for the Wildauer and Logston families who will make their transition to Belize in the coming months.

Santiago, Dominican Republic

The Dominican missionary team, church members, and friends came together to celebrate the marriage of missionary Jamielynn Tinkey and seminarian Rafael Flores. Rafael is a Venezuelan student studying to be an ordained pastor in The Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile. God's blessings on this new life together!

Galicia, Spain

The Spanish Lutheran Church is ever growing and expanding its reach across the country, mainly via online initiatives. This month we celebrated 3 new member confirmations in the southern city of Galicia! We pray for continued church growth and new worship spaces in Spain.

Panama

Panama has been one of the hardest hit countries as the pandemic continues to spread in Latin America. Church members have worked together to show mercy by distributing bags of food to those in need. Pastors, deaconesses and teachers are assisting to care for the needs of body and soul in their communities.

Latin America & the Caribbean

This month, the Rev. Dr. David Preus taught a workshop entitled "What is man that you are mindful of him?", taken from Psalm 8:4. Over 90 deaconesses, deaconess students, pastors, and congregation members from five countries came together to study Genesis 1-5. The workshop was part of the practical portion of deaconess studies through Concordia the Reformer Seminary.

As you can see, church work in Latin America is ever expanding as God's people answer the call to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). Join me in praising God for His work around the world!



Pastor Adam Lehman and Pastor Isaac Machado pose with three new confirmands in Galicia, Spain.

Verse of the month!

"Cuando pases por las aguas, yo estaré contigo; cuando cruces los ríos, no te anegarán."

Isaías (Isaiah) 43:2

Prayer Requests

- Thanksgiving for church workers around the world.
- Comfort for those who have lost family members and friends this year.
- For those beginning the school year.
- For new missionaries as they transition to the field.
- Thanksgiving for unique cultures and languages around the world, and that the Gospel may be shared in every tongue in every nation.

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