



WEDDING BELLS:

Jamielynn and Rafael were married on August 22, 2020. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness. We were married at Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios in Licey, Santiago, DR, with family and friends!

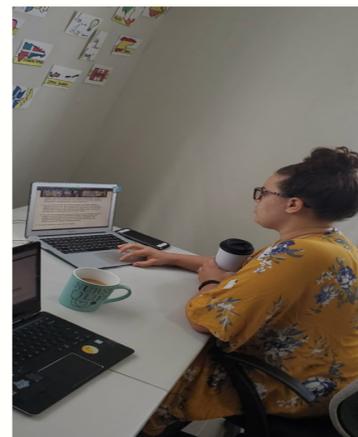
Pastor Sergio Fritzler preached that day, saying (translated from Spanish:

“Jesus is the perfect husband who perfected His church, cleansing it of sin and presenting it to Himself as perfect and faultless.

The perfect marriage is one that has Jesus, that is, that has God's love and forgiveness. Christ's work makes our marriages meaningful and fundamental, because it is not based on them, but on what Christ did and continues to do for them: forgiveness. Christ's forgiveness is the only thing that makes a marriage perfect, according to God's creation.”



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Student AND Teacher

Similar to most of the world, we have been impacted by covid-19, the pandemic, and all that it brings. We are thankful to be able to visit church members and friends in their homes again on a limited basis, as well as celebrate the Divine Service in our churches.

However, there are some areas of our lives that are impacted. Jamielynn and Rafael still attend the majority of their meetings and classes online via Zoom videoconferencing, and there are precautions that must be taken into consideration for each and every activity.

Due to this new normal, new opportunities have arisen! Jamielynn, along with fellow missionary nurses, Tirzah (LAC) and Steph (Africa), had the opportunity to assist in virtual Community Health training! Teaching health lessons, concepts such as dependency and community ownership, as well as the constant connection back to Bible stories and the GOSPEL, are all reasons this was a FUN project (**right picture**). Tirzah and Jamielynn both

look forward to continuing the search for opportunities like this one in our region of missions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In August, Jamielynn and Tirzah began studying via the Concordia Theological Seminary–Fort Wayne Deaconess Distance Program. This program is practical mercy ministry-minded; we are learning so much about our Lutheran confessions that point us back to Scripture and our God. As nurses, educated in the care of body, we are now being educated in the care of souls – whole-person care! It has been an adjustment to be a student again. My life is filling up with reading, writing, and presentations (**left picture**) when I am not fulfilling my missionary responsibilities. I pray these classes provide me with more tools and resources to CONTINUE sharing the love of Jesus in a tangible way.

This dual vocation of teacher and learner is a calling we all have as Christians. We are to GO and TEACH the Gospel and Word of God, yet never stop learning from God's Word ourselves!
(Matthew 28:19-20; Colossians 3:16)

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Devotion

by Rafael Flores

Y no nos metas en tentación, más libranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglo. Amén.

Mateo 6:13 RVR1960

¿Encuentras fácil llevar la cruz y la tribulación? Probablemente no. Duele la cruz y la tribulación. Gemimos bajo ella. Nos parece un mal; y en sí mismo es un mal con que somos visitados a causa de nuestros pecados. Y ahora nuestro querido Salvador Jesucristo nos dice que oremos: "Libranos del mal".

El significado de la petición es éste: Primero, debemos orar para que Dios nos guarde de los muchos males, de cuerpo y alma, aunque los hemos merecido por nuestra condición de pecadores. ¡pero cuando pedimos a Cristo que nos libre sin duda alguna él lo hace! En segundo lugar, debemos orar para que, por su Espíritu Santo, Dios nos ayude a llevar gustosa y gozosamente la cruz que él nos

impone para nuestro beneficio, y para que pronto nos la quite, si tal es su santa voluntad. Y, por fin, debemos orar para que finalmente, al llegar nuestra última hora, Dios nos conceda un fin bienaventurado, y misericordiosamente nos lleve de este valle de lágrimas a sí mismo en el cielo. En el cielo no habrá cruz, no habrá dolor, no habrá muerte, no habrá la tristeza de la separación física. Allí seremos completamente librados de todo mal. Seremos hechos nuevas criaturas en Cristo Jesús. Amén.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:13 NKJV

Do you find it easy to carry the cross and tribulation? Probably not. The cross and the tribulation hurt. We moan under it. We think it's an evil; and in itself it is an evil with which we are visited because of our sins. And now, our dear Savior Jesus

Christ tells us to pray, "Free us from evil."

The meaning of the petition is this: First, we must pray that God may keep us from the many evils, of body and soul, even though we have deserved them for our condition as sinners. But when we ask Christ to free us, He certainly does! Secondly, we must pray that, by His Holy Spirit, God will help us to gladly and joyfully carry the cross that he lays upon us for our benefit, and that He may soon take it away from us, if such is His holy will. And finally, we must pray that, when our last hour comes, God will grant us a blessed end, and mercifully bring us from this valley of tears to Himself in heaven. In heaven there will be no cross, there will be no pain, there will be no death, there will be no sadness of physical separation. There we will be completely rid of all evil. We will be made new creatures in Christ Jesus! Amen.

//// Life Profile ////



Jamielynn Tinkey: Leading Life Conversations in Latin America

LCMS LIFE MINISTRY PROFILE

Have you seen the Fall LCMS Life Ministry Newsletter?? Jamielynn is highlighted as a worker in Life Ministry in Latin America and the Caribbean. This month, Jamielynn will present the strategy for LAC's Life Initiative to missionaries and leaders around Latin America. She is also working ahead with Mercy Center Director,

Deaconess Cheryl Naumann to prepare materials and a workshop to follow May's Theological Symposium on Life Topics. The Life Initiative will focus on four key areas and translate and teach accordingly: Life, Identity, Family, and Sexuality. Stay tuned for more updates!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Vicar Benjamin and wife Karina in Belize as they await the birth of their first child!
- Jamielynn, as she continues her deaconess studies, that God grant time, patience, and understanding.
- Rafael, as he finishes the first semester of his final academic year preparing to be a pastor and as he looks forward to vicarage.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A new baby girl born to Jeancarlos and Caitlin Ramirez, fellow missionary and seminary student.
- New opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Continued health and safety of our missionary teams and church communities.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Continued support from people like YOU, so that our missionaries have stayed in place despite a changing world.
- Missionaries around the world, and pastors and church workers near you, who Spread the Gospel, Plant Lutheran Churches, and Show Mercy!



NEW missionaries! The Logstons (L) and Wildauers (R) arrived in Santiago before heading to their field of service in Belize!

Jamielynn has been busy working with the Regional team to welcome them and prepare a covid-friendly (and fun!) orientation of language and cultural learning!



Flores Fotos:

A few pictures from the Flores Family



Bottom Left: Rafael leads liturgy during the celebration of the Reformation at church in Lacey (Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios)

Bottom Right: the home office at the Flores house is always buzzing with missionary Zoom calls, sermon writing, deaconess classes, Greek reading, and more... !



Work and class.

A Word to Remember:

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39

God’s blessings, Rafael and Jamielynn



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