DID YOU KNOW?

➢ *Every August the LAC (Latin America and Caribbean region of LCMS International Missions) holds a conference in a combo of English and Spanish.*

➢ *Missionaries and their families gather for a week of retreating, refueling, and reconnecting*

➢ *The Cayman Islands are one of the 11 countries in the LAC*

➢ *112 missionaries, including their families, serve in the LAC*

➢ *Cayman Islands, Jamaica and Belize are the only English-speaking countries in the LAC*

➢ *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "luces para el mundo" – meaning "lights for the world".*

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2022 LAC Conference
"Lights for the World / Luces para el Mundo"

Pastors Voigt (Panama) and Fritzler (Dominican Republic) leading the closing Divine Service in Spanish.

Rev Dr Jeff Oschwald, keynote speaker, gave a thought-provoking presentations on Acts every day.

Basking in the Light…

What better way to be recharged this week than to be plugged in to the Light Himself, Jesus Christ? The morning and afternoon presentations on the week's theme were sandwiched between Matins and Service of Light or Evening Prayer.

… to be lights

After being plugged in for a week, we felt recharged and strengthened to continue to be lights of the Light to those entrusted to us at our missions.

Valuable volunteers

Volunteers from LCMS congregations provided daily VBS-style childcare to free up parents to also attend the presentations to bask and engage with fellow missionaries. A wonderful service indeed! Perhaps somebody you know would like to serve like this at next year's conference? Keep checking the short-term mission opportunities list on the LCMS website!

Spanish hymnal dedicated

With much joy and thanksgiving, the Spanish hymnal, that had been worked on the last 14 years, was dedicated for use in all Spanish-speaking services. Many hymns were sung from it with much gusto, and accompanied by a variety of musical instruments, including flute, piano, guitar, ukulele, violin, and accordion.

Sweet Summer Reunions

Everybody was excited to see the Jones family from England again after seven years!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *"M" – that the solution found for her difficult life situation – may work out*

- *"Y" – that she continue to come to worship and that her daughter agrees to have the two granddaughters baptized*

- *The two boys in Sunday School – that they return after the summer to resume their studies*

- *People to return to worship as the summer winds down*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *"Y" has been in church again!*

- *That both Gerald and Heidi only had mild covid symptoms*

- *The faithful few that regularly attend divine services*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *The many congregations and individuals who support us with prayer, encouragement and with their generosity.*

Before schools start again

Safe Harbour, being the friendly family it is, welcomed the Jones family who returned after 7 years. Time to catch up was extended at a local restaurant after the Divine Service.

Our daughters, Angelika and Emma came to visit in July. Angelika shares her birthday with Joelle – we were able to celebrate their special day after the service.

Soli Deo Gloria

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

*"'I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
    that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"Acts 13:47*

*- Your partners in mission,
Gerald and Heidi Paul*

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. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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