



July and August 2022

LUZ DEL MUNDO- LIGHT OF THE WORLD

To end the summer, Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz hosted a family vacation bible school with the theme "Light of the World." For three nights the members and families of Principe de Paz learned what it means to be lights of the world. Pastor Gustavo led the bible study, and each night different people oversaw the food, the games we played, and the songs we sang. One night there was even a puppet show to help tell the story of Jesus healing the blind man. A special part of the VBS was that church member Sandra and visitors Carlos and Madeline both brought their adult sons to church for the first time.



After 14 years of work, a new Spanish hymnal has been completed. We have moved from using photocopied songs and a laminate service sheet to a hymnal with almost a thousand hymns. We had the blessing of dedicating the hymnal during our Latin America and Caribbean Regional Conference at the beginning of August with all the missionaries gathered.

In Mayaguez during fellowship on Wednesday's we practice the hymns for the following Sunday. One of the challenges is that church members are not used to reading verses separated by piano music. Church members have shown a lot of joy and enthusiasm in practicing the songs and have quickly picked some favorites. What a blessing this new tool is for our congregations and for sharing the love of Jesus with others.

LCMS Youth Gathering 2022- IN ALL THINGS

In mid-July, I traveled to Houston, TX for the Youth Gathering. I had the privilege of serving the Gathering as a captain of a group of young adult volunteers. I also had the opportunity to meet and reconnect with some fellow missionaries.

LCMS OIM Missionary Group.



Upcoming Mission Happenings:

November 12-19, 2022: Short Term Team, St. Matthews Lutheran Church Esko, MN

January 7-14, 2023: Short Term Team, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN

March 4-11, 2023: Short Term Team, Concordia Nebraska

March 24-26, 2023: Puerto Rico Spring FORO

April 15-22nd 2023: Short Term Team, St. Michael Lutheran Church Fort Wayne, IN



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our English students and the teachers in this wonderful opportunity for growth!
- The growth of the children in our congregations.
- The teachers of our congregations as they start a new school year.
- For a missionary to be the business manager in Asia
- Chaplain Naumann- the LAC Regional Chaplain as he recovers from emergency surgery after breaking his leg.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Pastor Gustavo Maita's newly acquired United States of America Citizenship.
- To the host family that allowed me to stay with them in Houston.
- A wonderful time of learning and fellowship at the LAC Regional Conference.
- For a calm hurricane season.
- The new Spanish Hymnal.



TEACHING MY OWN ENGLISH CLASS FOR THE FIRST TIME



ESL classes are back in full swing. Tuesday nights in Mayaguez and Thursday nights in Ponce! During this round of classes, we are offering three levels of classes instead of two which means I am teaching my own class on Thursdays in Ponce!

In Mayaguez, Evangelist William Torres teaches our fundamentals class (students with no English skills), Missionary Ruth Maita teaches our beginner class, and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf teaches our Intermediate class. During this class time I am watching some of the missionary children and some children of some of the English students. We get to play games while their parents are teaching and learning English. In Ponce, I am teaching our fundamentals class, Evangelist William teaches the beginner class, and Deaconess Christel teaches our intermediate class. I get to use the new remodeled space upstairs in Casa de Amparo in Ponce. Thank you to the Short-Term Team of volunteers from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wichita Falls Texas for remodeling this space for us to use.

We are excited to have had some returning students as well as new students. Each class session starts with a small devotional and prayer by the Pastors. Throughout the five week course the students and teachers will be memorizing Ephesians 2:4-9.

Ciertamente la gracia de Dios los ha salvado por medio de la fe. Ésta no nació de ustedes, sino que es un don de Dios; Ephesians 2:8

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement

Missionary Ashley Lehr



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