



News from God's mission field in the Dominican Republic  
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So faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17



**Pictures (L-R):**

1. **A new year for the Seminary:** Rafa and I attended the opening service for the new school year. Lutherans from all the churches in the Dominican Republic came. It was a great day of celebration.
2. **Sem Dinner:** We hosted a dinner for some of the sem students before their classes began! We're still waiting for students from Mexico, Haiti, and Cuba.
3. **Missionaries Justin and Jordan Logston**, and their precious baby Malachi visited the field for one week before their deployment to Belize. Pray for them as they serve God's people there!
4. **Rafa got a US VISA!!!** The US embassy re-opened applications post-pandemic (and our wedding year 2020) in June 2022. We got an application in, and Rafa now has access to travel with me to the US and visit my family. When will our first trip be?
5. **New missionaries Gary and Sue Kessler** arrived to the DR for orientation in September, before deploying to Belize on October 31st! This kind couple served in Belize as volunteers for *six months* last year and are heading back soon!
6. **Honduras:** Jamielynn had the opportunity to travel to Honduras at the end of September. What a blessing to meet Pastor Junior and his lovely wife, Rosa!
7. **Not so fun ... surgery!** Rafa had surgery on September 26<sup>th</sup> to repair a torn meniscus and patellar tendon in his left knee from a soccer injury! Please pray for healing!





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## Proyecto Vida Abundante - Juan 10:10

### Life Ministry in LAC

*Providing resources. Inviting conversation. Encouraging acts of mercy.*

LCMS Life Ministry's podcast "Friends for Life" invited Jamielynn to be a guest earlier this year. The episode dropped in September, and you can [listen here](#) to hear to

### **Episode 35: An International Look at Life Issues: Conversations with a Missionary.**

*Do you participate in life ministry in your congregation or community? I'd love to hear about it and*

*the resources you use. Send us a message*

[vida.abundante@lcms.org](mailto:vida.abundante@lcms.org).

### Rafa's Writings ...

We're taking a month off from translating something Rafa's written as he continues to recover from his knee surgery. It has been more difficult than anticipated in managing his pain, but each day he is making progress and we're taking it one "step" at a time... ☺ Everyone who visits tells him how lucky he is to be married to a nurse after seeing his med schedule taped on the wall behind his bedside table. However, Jamielynn will be the first to tell you it sure is different being a nurse when the patient is your husband! We covet your prayers during this time of recovery – for healing, patience, peace, and endurance!

### ~ Deaconess Internship Year ~

You may remember that I have been studying at Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne through their distance – deaconess formation program. I started the program in September 2020, just a week after marrying Rafa! Having completed the two years of academic study, which included two intensives each year in Fort Wayne, and other courses online in between, now it's time for internship.

This final year of formation is intended to provide opportunity for the student to grow both personally and professionally, as she looks forward to graduation and service to the church as a deaconess. These opportunities are spread out among different areas of focus.

1. [Catechesis and Teaching](#)
2. [Visitation and Counseling](#)
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My internship plan includes continued work and service as a missionary in the area of life ministry and missionary care and is set to open a new opportunity to share the Gospel message alongside health education for other deaconesses around Latin America. Stay tuned for updates in the coming months!

## Chile Corner >>>

Unfortunately, it's not good news in the Chile corner this month. More delays have surfaced and there's no telling when this visa process will get our feet on the ground in Chile. Please continue to pray for patience and trust in God's timing above ours! Rafa will begin some activities again here in the DR that will be counted to the year of vicarage we expected upon arrival to Chile.



## Did you know?

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began supporting mission work in Chile in 1960 when the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chile, now known as the Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile, became a partner church.

## Pray with us ...

Here are a few things we are praying about. Will you join us?

- In thanksgiving for... opportunities to share the Gospel.
- In thanksgiving for... Rafa's US visa.
- In thanksgiving for... Rafa's successful knee surgery.
- For... healing and endurance for Rafa following knee surgery.
- For... patience and peace as we trust in God's timing and plan for our future.
- For... the students and professors at the seminary beginning a new year of study!

## A devotional thought from Jamielynn ...

A group of missionary ladies and I began meeting twice a month for a bible study over zoom in Spanish! Last month, we studied Psalm 116.

Have you read this psalm lately?

*"I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy .... The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!' ... I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord ... Praise the Lord!" (v 1, 3, 18-19)*

You and I too were ensnared by death in our sin, and the Lord delivered our souls by granting us eternal life with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ! Still today, He hears our cries in the midst of our earthly distress and delivers us, according to His will. We join with the psalmist saying, "I love the Lord!" and can confess that in the presence of others!



In Christ,  
Rafael & Jamielynn

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