



Christmas Joy



The Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols was held at a member's condo's beach.

DID YOU KNOW?

- *LCMS International Missions has an alliance with the Brazilian Lutheran church, the IELB, where Brazilian pastors are called by the IELB to serve in our mission fields.*
- *These pastors are known as "Alliance Missionaries" (AM).*
- *Pastor Benevenuti is an AM serving in Jamaica, who needed to have work visa documents processed at the Jamaican Consulate here.*
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "Cristo ha nacido" – "Christ is born"*



Christmas Day Divine Service. We received Him Who was born for us!

Christmas Eve on the beach

What a privilege for us to be invited back to celebrate the birth of our Savior at this public place! We distributed flyers inviting people to attend and many did. Others left their sliding doors open or sat on their balconies to watch and listen. The Christmas message was clearly proclaimed and heard, and the carols led by the musically talented Burns family sung with joy.

the readings, new banners proclaimed the joyous Christmas message, and we were so thankful to have our oldest daughter, Angelika, with us too!

Travel Woes

Severe weather canceled the flight of our other daughter, Emma. Sadly, she didn't spend Christmas with us but we're thankful we were able to get her a flight here later in January.

Christmas Day in church

It was a good thing we had overflow seating set up in the adjoining living room as we had guests from Maryland and South Africa! Pastor Benevenuti did



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Nativity play and unexpected guests over Christmas



We were all children at heart, having fun with the nativity play. Guess who was the donkey, Caesar Augustus, Mary and the angel with the bright light!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- “M” – that a solution for her difficult life situation may be found. Still ongoing.
- “Y” – that she return to worship. That the Holy Spirit open her daughter’s heart to having her two little grand daughters baptized soon

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The Benevenuti family
- That Angelika was able to spend Christmas with us
- That Emma will be joining us here soon
- Continued Word and Sacrament ministry at Safe Harbour
- 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.

Impromptu Nativity Play!

So much fun! A week before Christmas everybody received a script and a role to play. Heidi directed traffic as we navigated our way through whose turn it was, which character we were anyway, and what to do and where. Who says chaos can’t be fun!?

Benevenutis from Jamaica

The Brazilian Alliance Missionary

Arthur Benevenuti and his dear family spent a week with us as their Jamaican work permit was processed. A scary situation for them turned into a blessing as they were able to come here and celebrate Christmas with us!

Home Service – Jun/Jul ‘23

PLEASE let us know if we can visit YOUR CHURCH to give a slideshow presentation of our work on Grand Cayman! We’d love to see you all!

Soli Deo Gloria

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you”.
Isaiah 60:1

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