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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BOLIVIA

+ Bolivia has more than 30 languages.

+ 55 % of the population is comprised of indigenous people.

+ Bolivia was part of the Inca empire.

+ Bolivia has the highest elevation of all the South American countries.

+ The Quechua indigenous people group comprise the highest percentage of the population.

+ Bolivia's Amazon River has pink dolphins.



Have a Blessed Easter Season!

Grace, mercy, and peace be unto all of you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. During this Holy Week we reflect on the Lord's passion and suffering that He underwent for the salvation of all peoples. We also look forward to our Easter worship that celebrates the victory of our Lord over death. Furthermore, we proclaim this message to the entire world that all may rejoice in this victory of our Lord.

This last month Jorge Marcelo Rivas was ordained at Iglesia Luterana El Redentor in Vina del Mar, Chile. Dan had the privilege of teaching Jorge several courses during the time that he was at the seminary. Please remember Jorge in your prayers as he serves the Lutheran Church of Chile.

On Palm Sunday, the seminary professors, seminarians, and members had a processional with palms that passed through the town of Palmar Arriba in the Dominican Republic. This procession proclaimed the glory of the King of Kings to all the people in the area. We thank everyone who planned and participated in this extraordinary event.

During Holy Week the seminarians at Seminario El Reformador have a break from their classes. At the same time, they keep very busy as they assist with all of the Holy Week services and activities. We give thanks to God for their help and their eagerness to participate. During this time Dan is catching up on grading the assignments and putting together lesson plans for the final weeks of the academic semester. The seminarians are putting forth a great effort!



Pastor Jorge Marcelo Rivas with his famiy at the ordination service. Pastor Jorge consecrating the elements of the Eucharist for the first time.

Personal Notes



We Pray For

+ Jorge Marcelo Rivas as he begins his pastorate with the Lutheran Church of Chile.

+Our daughter Ana as she begins her career as a medical assistant.

+ The many people in the United States who have been affected by the tornadoes in their region.

+ First year seminarian Oscar Saavedra who comes to the seminary from Mexico.

+ The upcoming Lutheran Synod of Mexico national convention.

We Give Thanks For

+ The Holy Week and Easter services that are taking place in all parts of the world.

+ The Lutheran Church of Chile.

+ The new national pastors who are in formation.

+ The generosity of our partners in mission who make the mission in Mexico possible.

+ The professors at our seminaries who mentor the future pastors.



The Lord continues to bless the seminary as more seminarians are being formed for the pastoral ministry. Please keep Dan in your prayers as he is scheduled for surgery on the ninth of May. This surgery will take place in the United States.

We thank God for the mission in Latin America as we build up existing congregations and provide Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and

deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members.

Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconess will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Latin America. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America. God's richest blessings this Easter season!



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)

> **Soli Deo Gloria** Daníel, Kathy, and Ana



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