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News from the **Ramirez Family** serving the Lord in **Peru**.



Ramirez Family Update

Praise the Lord for his many good blessings. Our family is expecting our third child the last week of October. Caitlin and baby are both healthy. Please pray for our family as we make plans for birth. Jeancarlos is healthy and well, his doctors are very pleased with his recovery. His neurologist believes that with a round of radiosurgery (direct radiation to the AVM in his brain) he can finally be cured. We are prayerfully considering when to move forward with this treatment. In addition to caring for the congregation of La Victoria Jeancarlos has agreed to take on the congregation of Los Olivos starting in July. During June, Caitlin and the children were blessed to be able to travel to the U.S. to participate in the Concordia Deaconess Conference annual conference. This conference provides continuing education, networking and fellowship for the confessional deaconesses of the LCMS. It was a joy and privilege for Caitlin join them for the week. In addition the kids got to enjoy a couple of weeks of summer vacation with Grandma and Grandpa in Michigan. Praise the Lord for these good gifts. Our family is also looking forward to the LAC Missionary Conference in August when we will gather together with regional leadership for meetings, continuing education and fellowship. Please keep in prayer the preparations and travel to conference.



Pastor Jeancarlos and two confirmands at La Victoria on Pentecost.

Join us in prayer to the Lord this month:

Praise the Lord for the confirmation of Jeanpol, JoseLuis, Elias and Miranda on Pentecost.

We pray for Pastor Elvis, during his sabbatical.

Please pray for LosOlivos congregation during this time of transition.

We pray for Abraham's passport renewal.

We give thanks for the Concordia Deaconess Conference and Caitlin's participation in this year's annual conference.

Please pray for a new Pastor to be called to serve as missionary in Peru.

We pray for our Peruvian Deaconess students and their Law and Gospel course in July.

Please pray for the LAC Missionary Conference upcoming in August.

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FORO (Spanish for Forum)

At the end of April the Peru Mission Team was blessed to hold our semi-annual FORO. At this time our major supporters and partners joined us for a weekend to review the work of the last 6 months and plan for work in the coming year. During the Foro we decided as a team to make some changes to the work in Los Olivos. Pastor Elvis Carrera will be going on sabbatical starting in July. This break from ministry responsibilities will allow him time to finish his university studies and secure a better paying job outside the church to provide for his family. We ask that you keep him in prayer during his sabbatical so that he may return to ministry rested, at peace and able to serve the Lord and His people joyfully. Pastor Jeancarlos has accepted charge of the congregation of Los Olivos during the period of Pastor Elvis' sabbatical. In addition after much effort and many different ministry attempts it has been determined that the community around the church of Los Olivos does not need the services of Castillo Fuerte. The church will continue regular children's ministries but the Castillo Fuerte activities at Los Olivos will be discontinued and we will look for where else these resources can be better used.

Sunday School Continues to Grow

At Easter we reported a regular attendance of 15 to Sunday school at La Victoria. We're pleased to share that our program has continued to grow. We have now started a toddler Sunday school class, separating them from the older kids. We typically have 5 littles in addition to the 15 older students. Praise the Lord that these children are hearing the Word of God. We continue to pray for their families also receive this Word.



CUNE students during a home visit with Deaconess Caitlin and church members in Los Olivos. Below: English students at Coffee & Conversation Evangelism event.



Above: Peru Missionaries and Foro Partners April 2023
Below: Concordia NE students teaching bible class at Castillo Fuerte



Mission Education — Short-term Mission Team:

In May a group of five students joined us from Concordia University Nebraska. The students were all church work students (Pre-deaconess, Pre-seminary and DCE). During the week they shadowed the missionaries, taught bible classes, and spent time in reflection on missions and ministry. It was a joy and a blessing to have them with us, to share the work of the Peru mission and reflect on the whole church's calling to mission, to share the Good News of salvation in Jesus with our neighbor. Their fellowship and witness of faith was an encouragement to our young church body. Many members were shocked to meet young people who are going into full-time ministry and dedicating their lives to the Lutheran Church and answering the call of the Lord to share the Gospel with others. We give thanks to the Lord for their visit and encouragement.



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