



## JULY = VBS

Just as in the US, the summer months here in the DR bring even more heat, and with that comes --- VBS! (Escuelita Biblica del Verano). In both communities, Pueblo Nuevo and Cienfuegos, VBS was a hit. The first week of July, Pastor Rafael supported seminary graduate Carlos who led the VBS in Cienfuegos along with the help of a short-term team of volunteers! The kids were excited, and this is just one step closer to establishing a consistent mission with services, visits, and more in this community.



Two weeks later, it was time to go again, with VBS in the community of Pueblo Nuevo.



The tables were filled each day as kids poured in to hear the story of the day. Pastor Rafael led the story 3/5 days, and two seminarians stepped in to lead the story one day each. It takes a full team to pull off these VBS events: Pastor, deaconesses, seminary students and

graduates. Thanks be to God for the opportunity for God's Word to go out in both communities. Please pray with us, trusting in God's promise that His Word will not return empty!

## JULY = Moving

Fellow missionary, Tirzah Krey and I have been hard at work this summer arranging and organizing several building changes in our neighborhood. The owners of our guest apartment and of our regional office space requested the return of their buildings. This means we're on a timeline to clear out and find places where we can move! This requires a lot of logistics and sweat equity. Thanks be to God, all is going well, and the missionaries should be settled by September in new offices and gathering spaces. This is the background work that is best done in the summer months when the schedule is a bit lighter with less big meetings, guests, new missionaries, etc.!

## JULY = Baptism

Pastor Rafael officiated his first baptism on July 7, 2023. Daughter of God, Darlene, was washed in the waters of Holy Baptism and called by name! Thanks be to God!



## JULY = Missionary Conference Preparations

Tirzah and I had another big project on our hands this summer – preparing for our annual Regional Missionary Conference. Once a year, all missionaries serving in Latin America from the LCMS and other partner churches, come together for fellowship, study of God's Word, and worship! It's a team effort to pull off logistics, translations, gifts, and so much more in order to receive these dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Pray for all the travel and our time together **August 7-12!**

This year's theme?

### **Confident in Christ!**

*"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." 1 Thess. 5:23-24*

## Baby Flores Countdown!

Time is flying by, and baby girl is on her way! It's just 8 weeks until she arrives, Lord willing. Rafael was able to renew his US visa, so with the support of my supervisor and our support staff in Saint Louis, I will be traveling to the US to have the baby this fall. I'll travel in mid-August and work virtually through meetings and a few special projects as I await her arrival. Following her birth, I'll be on maternity leave for several weeks. As we wait for all her papers to be ready to go home to the DR, I hope to connect with some of you on visits. This will be my time of "home service" – as I did in January and February 2022. Although I won't be traveling as far with my little one, I hope to see some of you – and do my best to connect and update others through virtual means!

**For the name of Jesus,**  
*Rafael & Jamielynn*



## Pray with us ...

- In thanksgiving for two successful weeks of VBS
- In thanksgiving for the ongoing health of Jamielynn and baby
- For the continued mission and spreading of the Gospel in Pueblo Nuevo and Cienfuegos
- For the missionaries who are traveling and their time together in conference
- For Jamielynn's travel to the US, safe arrival of baby girl and ease of paperwork processes

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