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THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



NEWS FROM GERALD AND HEIDI PAUL

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DID YOU KNOW?

- > The Dominican Republic has closed its border to Haiti. No Haitian may legally enter the
- Beautiful Inheritance is a bible study for the daughters of LAC missionaries meeting online once a month.
- St Paul's Lutheran Church. Serbin, TX, is the oldest LCMS church in Texas.
- Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "me di cuenta" - meaning "I realized".



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In the field with new and focused vigor



Our flock at Safe Harbour after the Divine Service.

Post home-service zeal

Encouraged by all the positive feedback we received while on home-service, we arrived back on-island with renewed energy. Safe Harbour leadership met, and one decision was to brush up on the Divine Service – why we Lutherans do what we do in church. May it bear much fruit.

What about the school?

The education committee met to discuss the disappointing school sale falling through this summer and how to move on from there. It was decided not to lose sight of this dream. A large house recently came up for sale and seemed to be a promising contender, however it sold quickly! On closer scrutiny, its location would have been too hard to find anyway. We keep looking!

Seminary classes resume

The new academic year of the Seminario Concordia el Reformador in

the Dominican Republic has begun. This semester Gerald is teaching "Confessions III: The Smalcald Articles and the Power and Primacy of the Pope" and has four students in this class. The fifth student, a Haitian, is not permitted to enter the DR as the Dominican government has shut its border to all Haitians. Doing online classes is also impossible as he has no electricity in his home. Please pray for him and that a solution may be found. Gerald also supervises the online course on the Psalms and Paul.

Beautiful Inheritance class

Starting in October Heidi will be teaching the craft segment of the Beautiful Inheritance bible study which is for the daughters of the LAC missionaries. They zoom in every first Saturday of the month, each from her respective country. The bible study is taught by one of the deaconesses, either Tirzah Krey, DR, or Christel Neuendorf, Puerto Rico. The craft will tie in with the theme for the day.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The education committee as we keep searching for the "perfect" property.
- Haitian students not permitted to enter the DR
- "M" that a solution for her difficult life situation is found.
- "Y" that her grand daughters may be baptized

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- 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.

Home Service – Texas style!



With Pastor Thomas Obersat and his wife, Deaconess Jane, at St Paul's, Serbin. He is pastor of Ebenezer and did the German liturgy at the German service at St Paul's.

Off to the Lone Star State

We returned to the USA in September for 10 more days of home service travels, this time in Texas. Gerald was invited to preach at Ebenezer Lutheran, Manheim, a little country church in Texan ranchland, at their annual Mission Festival. After the service at a delicious potluck, we shared with them about our work in the Cayman Islands.

Presenting in San Angelo

During the week we traveled to Trinity Lutheran, San Angelo, to present our work to the pastors of two circuits that had gathered there for their winkel. That evening we presented our work to

the congregation. The next morning, Gerald gave the chapel messages to Trinity's school and preschool.

Wendish Fest in Serbin, TX

Gerald preached at St Paul's Lutheran, Serbin, at their annual Wendish Fest celebrating their German heritage, first in English, then in German at the later service. The pulpit is really high (see pic). The Wendish food afterwards was delicious, especially their specialty, "German noodles" made by the by Noodles Ladies! What fun experience!

Soli Deo Gloria

"This is the day that the Lords has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it". Psalm 118:24

- Your partners in mission, Gerald and Heidi Paul





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