

# Misericordia Activa

## *An Active Mercy*

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



### Ramirez Family Update

Greetings to you from Michigan AND Peru! This fall our family is split between two places while we wait. Caitlin and Eliana are in Michigan working remotely and waiting for baby to arrive. Jeancarlos and Abraham stayed in Peru and arrived in the U.S. at end of October for the birth. After the birth Pastor Jeancarlos will need to return to Lima to continue to care for the congregations while Caitlin and the children await baby's documents in the U.S. before being able to travel. We continue to give thanks for the time our family has together and trust in the Lord while we are separated. We give thanks for the Latin American Missionary Conference in August. It was a blessing to spend this time in fellowship and in the Word

together. Abraham turned 5 in September and had his first spelling test at school! Eliana is excitedly awaiting her birthday November 7 likely right after baby's birth. Pastor Jeancarlos covered all three churches in Lima during Aug/September while Pastor Walterson took some vacation time. We are thankful that Pastor Walterson was able to rest and also that he has returned to work now in October.



*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters ...  
It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

Colossians 3:23

### Join us in prayer to the Lord this month:

Please pray for Ramirez Baby #3 and a safe birth.

Please pray for Norma, our cook at Castillo Fuerte who has a broken leg and cannot work.

Please pray for our family during this time apart and for a swift reunion.

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

We give thanks for recent short term teams and pray for the upcoming team in November.

Please pray for our English outreach through online conversation partners.

Please pray for our Deaconess students and their heavy course work this fall.

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## English as a Second Language Outreach

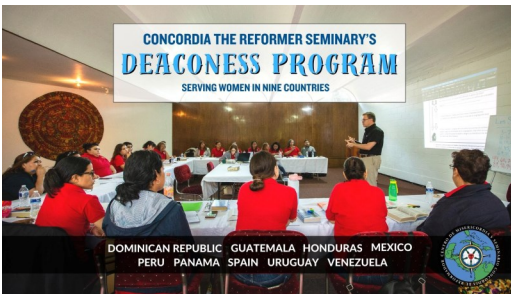


One of the activities that Deaconess Caitlin has been leading over the last year has been English Conversation Class. This public event serves as an outreach into the San Borja neighborhood and a way to bring new contacts into the church who wouldn't otherwise come. In September we were blessed to have a short-term team who added to this ministry by providing a week-long English as a Second Language intensive class. It was fun to get to meet so many new contacts and practice language together. Additionally, we were surprised to learn about the desire from the community for basic

English instruction in addition to advanced conversation class. During October we have been doing an online English conversation partner program. Our students in Lima can connect once a week with volunteers here in the U.S. to practice and improve their English. It is a joy to see how sharing language can open the door to sharing the gospel as well. Please pray for Jeancarlos and Luis who have both come into the church through these English outreach programs in the last six months.



## Deaconess Practice



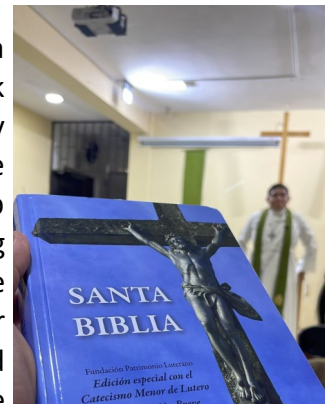
This fall the region seminary *Concordia el Reformador* (CMSCR) has begun not only another round of deaconess classes but also for the first time ever the deaconess practice (field-work). Over the last year Deaconess Caitlin has been working behind the scenes to form the deaconess practice. This field-work is hands-on activities to get the students active not only in the Word through classroom studies but also through assignments which bring them into real moments with God's people to serve them and share His Word with them. The deaconess practice will be a constant part of the women's 3 years of study in the program going side by side with the class room work to give the students practical experience. The program was implemented this fall in all 9 countries where we have ladies studying.

## Pastoral Practice

Pastor Jeancarlos has been busy working in both the congregations of La Victoria and Los Olivos this summer/fall. The churches are active and flourishing. Each week Pastor leads a mid week bible study at both congregations, as well as a Sunday morning bible study at Los Olivos. The congregations have been studying the psalms. In addition, Pastor has been working to organize the members and help



them to practice stewardship through sharing their gifts of time, service and care for one another. The congregations now have regular weekly cleaning days, craft/fellowship time and monthly outreach/service activities. The congregation of Los Olivos has also organized a new church council and started Sunday school again after years without children's ministries.



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