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News from Rev. Dr. Arthur, Deaconess Eva, and the Rickman Family serving in Latin America

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Letters from Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

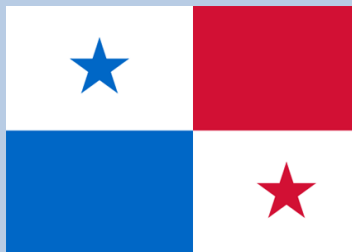
Today we remember the Reformation and Reformers, like Martin Luther, who courageously proclaimed the truths rooted in the Bible—grace alone, faith alone, and Christ alone.

As we commemorate the Reformation, we are also actively engaged in restoring and revitalizing our congregation, Our Redeemer, Balboa—a historic church in Panama. In this restoration project, we encounter a different kind of renewal. We are not only reviving the physical structure but also striving to preserve the message of Christ as we proclaim His Gospel to the people of Panama.

We continue to nurture the spiritual foundation of God's church through the formation of Panamanian pastors and deaconesses who together care for and minister to the spiritual needs of our community.

In this season of restoration, we have been blessed with visits from our FORO partners and volunteer teams who have contributed so much and who recently came to witness the progress that continues to be made. Their presence reminds us that we are part of a Christian family—the Body of Christ, united in the legacy of the Reformation. By God's grace, we hope the sanctuary will be ready for us to worship there for Christmas.

So, as we reflect on Reformation Day, we are thankful for our rich heritage and remember that our faith is deeply rooted in the Scriptures. Our service is driven by the grace and truth that came through Jesus Christ alone—"The Word made flesh" and "We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). Through the ongoing restoration of this church, may many more come to know the freedom, joy, and salvation found in the Gospel message proclaimed by the Reformers.



Panama



Columbia



Mexico

...and other areas in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for the church in Panama.
- ...for health and safety for our family as we serve in Latin America.
- ...for the deaconess students we are working with in Panama and Spain.
- ...for the strengthening of our partners.
- ...thanks for the grace and eternal promises from the one who gives us all good things.
- ...thanks for the opportunities to serve His people in Latin America.
- ...thanks for all who make it possible for us to serve.

There are many opportunities to serve. Check out the current list and download an application at www.lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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Rickman Family Update

For the past week, there have been many protests here in Panama. At times, these have made travel more challenging and dangerous as roads are closed or blocked by protestors clashing with police. Please pray for a quick resolution and for the restoration of peace. Pray also for the safety of our family and church members as we continue with church activities. Every day, there have been several buses full of police in riot gear just outside our apartment.



*Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15*

We thank all of you for partnering with us and making it possible for us to share the most important message with those in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting the ongoing work with a monthly pledge. We are thankful for each of you walking alongside us!

In Christ <+><,

Arthur and Eva,

Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel, Mary Anna, Heidi and Hannah



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