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LCMS Missionary Orientation



Facts About the Region

The climate is *tropical maritime*, a tropical climate primarily influenced by the ocean. There is little seasonal temperature variation; parts of the year are wetter than others.

Prayers & Praise

- *Praise:*
 - *A new/better group home for our son Tommy*
 - *Workers to takeover for Dana (church admin) & Stan (principal) at St. Paul Lutheran Church & School have been hired*
- *Prayers:*
 - *Smooth transition for Tommy to his new home*
 - *Blessings on our preparations to move our home and "leave" family and the same for our fellow new missionary families:*
 - *Andreasens - Romania*
 - *Domenichellis - Germany*
 - *Shavers & Webers - Dominican Republic*



What next?

Although God has made clear that we are to serve him in the Dominican Republic, the nuts and bolts of how we prepare for that looks different each day.

Orientation

We completed missionary orientation at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis, Missouri on March 22, 2024. Orientation consisted of four phases of training held over nine weeks, two of those weeks being in person in St. Louis. We are pictured above receiving our certificates at the end of orientation.

There are many things to think of when walking away from the known and moving to a new land and we are often in the position of not even knowing what questions we should be asking. The Office of

International Mission has done a fantastic job of methodically and deliberately introducing topics that need to be addressed as we make this transition. Everything from basic Human Resources onboarding tasks to classes on Resilience and a multitude of topics in between.

Ways to support us:

- *Pray*
- *Sign-up for our newsletter using the QR code and share it with others*
- *If you live locally to us, we are asking for donations of large suitcases on wheels.*
- *Looking for a volunteer who would be willing to help with mailings in this country as Dominican mail is iffy at best.*



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list at lcms.org/service.

If you would like to view the photo album/scrapbook of our missionary journey, you may [ACCESS IT HERE](#). New pages have been added at the end.

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Stan & Dana. Give securely from any device: lcms.org/givenow/Stigdon or call a donor care representative: 888-930-4438