



DID YOU KNOW?

- A group of Bolivian Lutheran pastors are in the Colloquy Program at the DR seminary.
- Five LCMS preschools have been interviewed. We thank the directors/pastors for sharing their knowledge and experience with us.
- We thank them also for being more than willing to share handbooks and documents we could use in the future.
- Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "Hermanos en Cristo", – meaning "Brothers in Christ"

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Spotlight on the Bolivian L.C.



Left: Ordination of first Bolivian grad! Above: Bolivian Lutheran pastors at Otuvo's ordination. These are the pastors in the Colloquy program. Photos: Iglesias Cristiana Evangélica Luterana de Bolivia.

Teaching the Confessions to Bolivian Pastors

Exciting news! A group of Lutheran pastors in Bolivia who are seeking to be faithful to God's Word and be more knowledgeable in the Confessions and the Pastoral Ministry, have approached Concordia the Reformer Seminary, Dominican Republic, to assist them in this regard. Subsequently they have been accepted into the seminary's Colloquy Program.

Various professors take turns once a month to teach by Zoom a part of the Lutheran Confessions. Gerald took his turn in September to lead a discussion on Articles VII, VIII and IX of the Formula of Concord. He was pleased to note how pleased these men were at what they learned, and how thankful too! May God bless these faithful brothers in Christ.

First Bolivian grad Ordained

Freddy Otuvo, the first Bolivian to graduate from Concordia the Reformer Seminary in 2023, and one of Gerald's

former students, was ordained on September 21 at Congregación Vida Nueva, Bolivia. He will serve in a more remote area of Bolivia. Thanks be to God for this well-equipped, solid and faithful servant. What a blessing!

Bolivian Quechua Students

A group of Quechua men wanting to be trained as pastors are currently receiving training through a translator! These men can't come to the seminary as they do not speak any Spanish or English! Only Quechua, which is a language spoken primarily in the remote mountainous regions of the Andes. Rev Dr Roberto Bustamante of Argentina, one of the seminary's professors, recently traveled to Bolivia to teach an intensive two-week session.

Not many theological resources have been translated into Quechua, making this endeavor challenging.

Once these men have been trained and ordained, the possibilities for the Gospel to be carried to other Quechua regions and countries are enormous! May God richly bless this work!



A day in the life of the wife...



Teaching a craft online. Fool for Christ! Safe Harbour rocks and shells. A sudden downpour!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The newly ordained Bolivian pastor, Freddy Otuvo
- The Bolivian pastors in the Colloquy program
- The Bolivian Quechua students
- That more may be drawn to Safe Harbour to hear the saving Gospel

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The fledgling Radio Ministry
- The parsonage – that we've been able to keep it as it serves as home and church.
- The various ways in which we can be a fool for Christ.
- The faithful few that regularly attend Safe Harbour's Divine Services.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who support us with prayer, encouragement and with their generosity.

Jewelry witness for Christ

Why wear a cross necklace? These days, you're more likely to set yourself up to be unfairly judged a bigot, a hater. But you do it anyway because you ARE different and you're a fool for Christ.

It does have a positive side too: It attracts fellow Christians like the "fish" symbol had during early times. Heidi was approached by a new staff member at school where she works, who noticed the cross necklace and was excited to meet a fellow Christian. Heidi was able to share with her about Lutheran history, Martin Luther (who's he?? King Jr??), the Reformation, about Safe Harbour, our services and location, bible studies etc.

Beautiful Inheritance

The daughters of missionaries in our region meet online once a month for a bible study and a craft. This year they're studying the psalms and Heidi's doing the craft part again as she had last year. She's also started taking an occasional turn teaching the psalm too.

When it rains, it pours

Literally! Hurricane season is rainy season. If you're outside and you start feeling raindrops, grab your stuff and head indoors – quickly! At school, it's quite a chore rounding up little kids "because it will rain" and they're still looking up thinking, "Rain?"

Soli Deo Gloria



"Rejoice that your names are written in heaven". Luke 10:20c

- Thanking you for your continuous financial support and prayers,

*Your partners in mission,
Gerald and Heidi Paul*



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