

Official Adoption Agreement

for the
Direct Support of

Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul,
Our Missionaries in the Cayman Islands
Project #A10898-69478



The Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in the Cayman Islands. As a pastor and church planter, Gerald works with local church leaders at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church to reach out to the people of the Cayman Islands — both locals and expats — with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Gerald also seeks to serve the transient Cuban refugee population on Grand Cayman. He is an adjunct professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic.

Heidi supports these mission efforts and has been using her background in early childhood education to explore the possibility of starting an early childhood center for children in the community. Recently, an education committee has been formed. Conversations with the LCMS Latin America and the Caribbean region leadership and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund have forged a solid start to make this dream a reality. They are currently in the process of finding property for a church, an early childhood center, a parsonage and accommodations for future teachers.

Gerald and Heidi both hail from South Africa. Gerald's home congregation is the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wittenberg near Piet Retief, Mpumalanga, and Heidi's is St. John's Lutheran Parish in Shelly Beach, Kwa-Zulu Natal. Gerald graduated with his Master of Divinity and doctorate in missiology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Heidi earned her teaching degree in South Africa and master's degree in early childhood education in Montana. They grew up speaking four languages (German, Afrikaans, English and Zulu), and now speak Spanish, which they started studying in 2021. This greatly benefits their mission work in the multi-cultural, multilingual population on the island. Gerald has served as parish pastor in South Africa, Wyoming and Montana prior to serving on Grand Cayman.

Please pray for Gerald and Heidi as they serve the Lord in the Cayman Islands and the Caribbean. Let us give thanks that they are ministering to God's children in this part of the world.

Birthdays: Gerald, April 19; Heidi Nov. 28
Anniversary: July 4

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