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SERVING THE LORD IN

Latin America

News from Rev Dr Jonathan & Deaconess Cheryl Naumann



New Space for Deaconess Center

Latin America Regional Director, Pastor Theodore Krey, stands in the new deaconess center in Palmar Arriba. The room is situated on the third floor, above Concordia Lutheran Church and School, and is about 90% finished. A video of Pastor Krey describing this space, including the beautiful view of the valley below, can be viewed on our FaceBook page titled Naumanns in Latin America.

"...vuestra comunión en el evangelio..."

Your partnership in the Gospel (Philippians 1:5)

One of the realities of international mission work in The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod today is that individual missionaries can only accomplish their work in the mission field by having supporters, and their supporters can only reach people in foreign lands through supporting missionaries!

Yes - missionaries need both prayers and financial supporters, and the supporters - the church and its members - needs missionaries to spread the Gospel in foreign lands. This is why bringing God's Word to people internationally involves what St. Paul called "partnership in the Gospel."

By accepting calls to serve in the DR and Latin America, Cheryl and I work as our supporters' hands, feet, and mouths; to serve and interact with people our supporters would not otherwise encounter except through us. And since we are educating and training others to be missionaries in the field, God willing, the amount of people impacted in the region will be multiplied exponentially!

Only God knows how many people will be reached with the Good News of the world's Redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ, through our partnership in the Gospel. Thank you for your prayers and your financial support. We could not be missionaries without you!

Pastor Jonathan

Please Pray:

- *The next meeting to discuss whether or not it is time for LCMS missionaries to receive the "green light" for permanent deployment to the field will take place on April 26. We appreciate your prayers that God would continue to build our network of support to provide all that is necessary to ensure that His work can be sustained once we get to the field.*
- *That the Lord will continue to raise up men to be pastors and women to be deaconesses to their home cultures in Latin American countries.*
- *That God would protect Pastor Jonathan and Cheryl as they travel.*
- *That Cheryl and Pastor Jonathan would continue to learn - read, write, understand and speak - Spanish.*
- *That God would bless the students and future students in our preschools, elementary school, deaconess school and seminary in the DR and other Lutheran educational institutions in Latin America.*

Partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ - Five mission congregations in the Dominican Republic!



1. Friends of Christ Lutheran Church in La Ureña
2. Chaplain Yban addressing parents of the preschoolers, Concordia Lutheran School and Church in Licey
3. Worship at Lutheran Church of Pueblo Nuevo
4. Concordia Lutheran Church and School in Palmar Arriba
5. Bread of Life Lutheran Church in Ensanche Ozama

Dear friends in Christ,

What a joy it is to know that those who believe in Jesus as their Savior - including those who attend the five mission congregations pictured here - are our brothers and sisters in Christ. They are our partners in the Gospel of Christ!

The people in these missions have benefited from LCMS missionaries coming to their neighborhoods; but we also, here in the United States, are blessed by the prayers that these believers pray for us, and we are blessed by the thanks and encouragement they express to missionaries and the LCMS for sharing God's Word with them.

Of course, when it comes to Kingdom work, some workers plant, others water, and others might see the harvest. All along the way, we know that God's Word is powerful and will produce fruit in due time. Whether we are privileged to see that fruit, or if we simply know it will one day come, we rejoice that God has allowed us to be part of the work! **Thank you for partnering with us in this all-important planting, watering and harvesting!**

Deaconess Cheryl

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