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SERVING THE LORD IN *Latin America*

News from Rev Dr Jonathan & Deaconess Cheryl Naumann



Back to Church in Ponce

You may recall that Pastor Jonathan visited our LCMS missionaries in Puerto Rico to give them pastoral support earlier in 2020. On All Saints Day, the mission congregation in Ponce, Puerto Rico, was able to worship in its new sanctuary (pictured above) for the first time since the large earthquakes started in January! We praise God for the mission team in PR, and that God has used them to bring the Gospel to many souls, in addition to providing material necessities in times of natural disaster!

'... a otro ángel, que tenía el evangelio eterno para predicarlo' (Rev. 14:6)

Lutherans have historically seized upon the image - from the book of Revelation - of an angel flying directly overhead, *'with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people'*, as descriptive of our mission. Cheryl and I, serving in the DR and Latin America, are part of a team that works, not only on behalf of the LCMS, but on behalf of the eternal Gospel itself.

Whether it be Cheryl, arranging disaster response and other education through Mercy Center workshops or translating and distributing digital resources, or me providing pastoral care for missionaries and developing church leadership through seminary education, it is all for the sake of promoting the worship of Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, and the world's Redeemer, whose saving work the Gospel describes.

We have mentioned before that the people who live here in Latin America enjoy processions, fiestas, and generally celebrating at any opportunity. This is true in the context of the church as well as everyday living. So again, our mission in Pueblo Nuevo enjoyed another festive Reformation celebration, even with pandemic precautions. Below you will see photos from that special day.

Thank you to all of you for prayers, and for your gifts that make it possible for us to remain working where fields are ripe and the harvest is waiting! Pastor Jonathan and Deaconess Cheryl



PLEASE PRAY: • For all people affected by storms, fires, flooding, and other natural disasters; • That the adults & children who have attended church & Sunday School will be eager to return to learn more;

• For good health and stamina for all missionaries; • That God would grant guidance and wisdom to government leaders in the US and all countries where the LCMS has congregations and missions.

PLEASE GIVE THANKS TO GOD: • For several baptisms and confirmations that took place in DR missions on Reformation Day; • For three new missionary families that have come to Latin America and are now in field orientation!