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News from the **Ramirez Family** serving the Lord in the **Dominican Republic**.

The Ramirez Family is going on HOME SERVICE!

That means we are coming to visit you, and share in person the stories about what is happening on the field. We are currently making plans to be in the US during June and July. Please reach out to us to make plans for us to visit you!

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Jeancarlos is graduating from Seminary!!!!

After four years of study, Jeancarlos has finished the residential program at Seminario Concordia El Reformador. He graduates on **Friday May 27**. Please join us on our facebook page to watch the live service www.facebook.com/RamirezMissions After graduation our family will be moving back to Peru, where Jeancarlos will be ordained as a national pastor and installed to serve the church in La Victoria which we left behind years ago to come to seminary. We are looking forward to this big move and excited to finally have a pastor in the family.

Vicar Jeancarlos preaching on Palm Sunday



During vicarage Jeancarlos taught youth confirmation, 4 students were confirmed on Easter Sunday



Left: Youth Group boys cramming in the back to get to church.



Helping to host a short term team. Group photo with the local baseball team.

Right: helping the ladies of the church to open a bank account and take over the finances of the church before leaving.

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It has been a blessing to work with the seminary's deaconess program over the last 4 years. I have gotten to work directly with students here in the Dominican Republic but also women across Latin America. This spring we will have our first graduating class a group of 105 women from 5 countries. Praise the Lord for calling these women to serve Him and His people. They will serve as volunteers in their local churches.

Prayer Requests:

We pray for the planning for our family's return to Peru August 2022.

We give thanks that the children's peruvian citizenship documents have been finalized and approved.

We give thanks for the 105 deaconess students who are graduating from around Latin America.

We give thanks for Jeancarlos' education in the seminary and pray for his graduation later this month.

We give thanks for our time in the Dominican Republic serving the mission here.

Please pray for our departure from the Dominican Republic and all those we are leaving behind.

We pray for our home service travels and plans.

In preparing for graduation and reflecting on their studies, one of my deaconess students told me: *"Caitlin before I started the program, I didn't know why I was starting, I was just following the other ladies at Church. If you had asked me who Jesus was then, I don't know if I could have answered."*

BUT NOW I KNOW. Now I know that Jesus is my savior and yours too. Now I know how to answer, how to use the Old Testament to show the need for the savior. I know that I'm a sinner. Now I know how the bible teaches us who Christ is for us and what He has done. Now I know why I am Lutheran and it does matter! I know how to answer, how to help and how to point someone to Christ. Now I am ready to serve the Lord, my neighbor and the Church."



Deaconess Caitlin teaching in Guatemala.

Spending time in the group home with Stephanie.

Deaconess students explain to pastoral student who the deaconess is and how they can work together for the benefit of the church.



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