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News from Deaconess **Caitlin Worden** serving the Lord in **Lima, Peru.**



Kids and Church members sign the Peruvian flag to say goodbye to the Gale Family

Missionaries Come and Missionaries Go

The Gale family has said goodbye and returned to the States. Pastor Joshua Gale received a call to serve in Chicago as the Executive Director of Lutheran Church Charities. They have family near to Chicago and are very excited to be returning home and starting a new chapter in life. We thank them for their service here in Peru and wish them the Lord's blessings.

In early May, we received a new missionary, a vicar from Bolivia! Osmel has completed his studies at the seminary in Argentina and



Vicar Osmel, New Missionary to Peru!

will serve with us for one year as a vicar before returning to Bolivia to be called as a pastor and church planter. He is 25, single and full of energy. He doesn't speak any English so he will certainly help us gringos to better our Spanish. He will focus

on rebuilding our church plant in San Borja and also help with new work in the north and south cones of Lima. We are super excited for the opportunity to help form him as a Pastor and there by serve our sister church in Bolivia. We also feel blessed to have his presence here working along side our pastors as we transition out one pastor and transition in a new one this next year.

The Duke family, Pastor Cullen and Deaconess Jackie, continue language studies and learning in the Dominican Republic. We look forward to receiving them here in Peru June 1, 2017. Please continue to pray for all of our missionaries but especially those in transition.

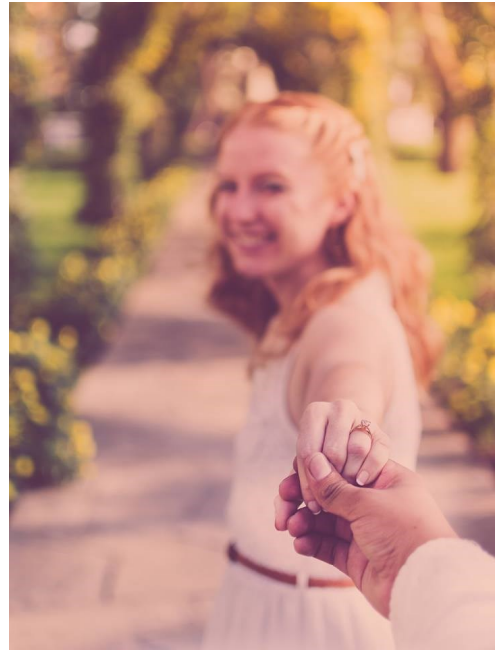


Pastor & Deaconess Duke New Missionaries to Peru!



I'm getting Married!

Many of you know Jeancarlos Rameriz Zevallos. Some of you know him in person as my boyfriend, others know of him as a church member and pre-seminarian in the Peruvian Lutheran Church. For any of you who don't already know his story, Jeancarlos came to the mission about 3 years ago through English outreach activities that we do. When he heard about the social ministries, which we do in Castillo Fuerte, helping the kids he wanted to be a part of it. So he started coming as a volunteer. As a volunteer he began helping myself and pastor with our bible classes and preaching, correcting the Spanish. As he did he began asking more and more questions about theology. In August 2015 he became a member of the Peruvian Lutheran Mission. He also began working for us in Castillo Fuerte.



During all of this he and I formed a deep friendship. We began serving together, studying the word together and exploring the city together. Everywhere I went, I had a friend at my side constantly offering to help and making sure I didn't get myself into any danger. Well what girl can resist that? Before I knew it we had something much deeper than just a friendship. And now after two years of dating he has asked me to be his wife! You will all get to know him much better shortly as we hope to continue serving together in the Peruvian mission as husband and wife,

pastor and deaconess. We are planning a legal wedding here in Peru July 1, 2017. We then hope to be in the States next spring for home service and celebrate our wedding with all of our family and friends. We hope to spend time with each and everyone one of you so that you can meet Jeancarlos in person.

After home service it is our intention to return to Peru and continue serving in the church here. As a part of our service to the Peruvian church Jeancarlos has been accepted as a seminary student for the academic year of 2018-2019. This means he would start a four year program at the seminary in the Dominican Republic in August 2018. We don't know all the details yet of the transition but it is clear that as a couple we will be transitioning to the Dominican Republic so that he can study to be an ordained Peruvian Pastor. When Jeancarlos finishes seminary we hope to return to Peru to continue working with the church here as Pastor and Deaconess.



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Prayer Requests, Praises & Thanksgiving

We praise God that the Duke family is on their way to Lima, Peru. And pray for their time in the Dominican Republic. They will arrive in June 2017.

We praise the Lord for successful Forum meetings and pray that He will bless the next year of work on the mission field.

We rejoice together in the resurrection of our Lord.

We pray for the Gale family and wish them well on the next chapter of their lives.

Please pray strength and encouragement upon myself and the other missionaries in Peru.

We rejoice at the presence of a new vicar working alongside us. We pray that he, Osmel, is able to learn and grow during his year in Peru.

Please be praying for the successful transition of missionaries in Peru.

There are many opportunities to serve as a short-term missionary. Check out the current list and download an application at www.lcms.org/service. Click on "Service



The missions sites are getting ready for the reformation!

donations enable us to continue in ministry. Please let us know if your Church, Circuit or District is interested in making a larger, long-term commitment to Peru and joining our Foro partnership.

Celebrating the Resurrection!

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed Alleluia! This year each site of the Peruvian Lutheran Church celebrated Easter in their own way. We had special gatherings, potlucks and children's activities. In each site the members planned the events and the missionaries served in a supporting role. It was a joy to see the members come together and make plans motivated by this great occasion in the church.

Praise God for Moms!

In May, all of our Castillo Fuerte sites celebrated our moms. The kids wrote poems and memorized songs to share their love with their mothers. They also made hand-made cards, and gifts out of trash and recyclable objects. Even more exciting was that we asked the churches for donations of non-perishable items and received more than enough to



Deaconess Caitlin spent Mother's day with 3 girls who are being raised by a single father.

Foro Partnership

We praise God that we had a successful meeting of the Peru Foro in April. We look forward to our next meeting at the end of the year. This year we had partners renew their commitment to the Foro as well as a new members join the Foro partnership. Thank you to all those involved in the Peru Foro. Your prayers, guidance and



Kids and Moms in San Juan de Lurigancho for Mother's Day

make several gift baskets which were raffled off among the mothers. We praise the Lord for giving us moms who work so hard to care for us and love us. They are the hands and feet of Christ every day wiping tears, washing dirty faces, preparing food, and giving hugs. Thank you Moms!

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