

# Misericordia Activa

*An Active Mercy*

The love of Christ at work in the streets of Perú

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



Thanks to a great Short Term Team from Memorial Lutheran for an awesome VBS in Los Olivos!



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Zion LCMS, Mt. Pleasant MI  
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LWML Grand Rapids Zone Rally  
Christ LCMS, Stevensville, MI  
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Cross, Yorkville, IL

**Caitlin & Jeancarlos  
will be in the USA!**

Coming to a church near you  
**SOON!**



Check out our schedule of visits  
for April & May.



If you don't see your church listed here please contact us. Or if you'd like to sit down one on one to talk about the mission Please contact us. We hope to see all of you!

### Health update:

As many of you know last October, we learned that Jeancarlos has an arteriovenous malformation (AVM) a specific type of brain aneurysm. In November 2017 Jeancarlos underwent a successful embolization of the aneurysm. While it was successful it was not enough to cut off the blood flow or fully reduce the AVM to a safe size. In February, Jeancarlos had a second embolization. It was a success there were no complications during surgery and the doctor was very pleased with the results. He has been able to shrink the aneurysm to a sixth of its original size. The doctor now believes that Jeancarlos is a candidate for radio-surgery (a form of concentrated and specifically directed radiation which would destroy the malformation without traditional surgery.) We must wait 3 months at which point another MRI will show if there have been any changes in the shape and size of the malformation. If there are no changes then in June we will seek the final step in Jeancarlos' treatment with the radio-surgery. We are blown away by the success of this embolization and the new recommendations from the doctor. Thank you to all who have been praying with us during this process. The Lord has truly worked a miracle in our lives.



Bible class at Castillo Forte Chorrillos.

Graduation of mothers at KK

### Ministry in Chorrillos

Castillo Forte Chorrillos and Krochet Kids have also been very active during this early part of 2018. We have been faithfully working over the last few months within Castillo Forte to share the bible with the kids and mothers. The kids have been going through the bible stories starting Genesis. The mothers have been coming to bible study and chapel in the evenings. A small group of mothers seems to be forming who are truly interested in receiving the Gospel. Krochet Kids has also celebrated another victory with the graduation of another group of ladies from their program. It is a joy to share with in ministry changing the lives of families both physically and spiritually.

### A Note from Jeancarlos

Hello everybody, This month using material from CPTLN (Lutheran Hour Ministries) we had a good time with women in San Juan de Lurigancho and Los Olivos. In San Juan de Lurigancho, we had a bible study about where is Jesus when we suffer and we made earrings out of fossil and sea shells. All the women were happy because they learned how to do it and they now can make more and sell them. In Los Olivos, we had a bible study, and we share many experiences about where is God when life is difficult. We found that God is our strength and He is our Father who know us and knows what we need even without asking. Thank you so much to support us to continue with this work in Lima, Peru. In April and May we are so excited to visit USA and visit many churches. I think I am so excited because is my first time in your country and I would like be meeting many people of the church. Thanks you to read this newsletter, see you in another time with another story about the work that is happening in Perú and USA.

In Christ, Jeancarlos Ramirez.

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## **Prayer Requests, Praises & Thanksgiving**

We give thanks for the miracle of Jeancarlos' health and pray for the procedures which are still upcoming.

We give thanks for the safe return of the Hoschs to Peru.

Please pray for our Home Service and travel in the United States.

We give thanks for the marriage of Vicar Osmel and pray for him and his new wife.

Please pray for our upcoming FORO meetings April 21-23.

We give thanks for a new missionary coming to Peru, Nichelle Dykema. Please pray for her spanish learning and quick arrival to Peru.

Please pray for missionary wives. They have a particularly hard job supporting their families without the same community and purpose that the called missionary experiences.

## **Sending a Short-Term Team**

If your church is interested in sending a short term team please contact me at [caitlin.worden@lcmsintl.org](mailto:caitlin.worden@lcmsintl.org)

We have open teams in 2018 and 2019.

## **Church in Los Olivos**

The congregation in Los Olivos continues to grow! We've had several new members join the congregation who were members of our sister church the Lutheran Church of Venezuela. The congregation is becoming very multinational with a mix of Peruvians, Americans and Venezuelans. In March we also had a baptism in the congregation and welcomed a new member into the family of

God.

We have also finally established a rhythm and group of kids for Sunday school. I now typically have 4-7 kids in Sunday

School each week. Praise the Lord that these children are learning about Jesus on a regular basis! We also had a great VBS for these kids this summer with a short-term team and volunteers from the congregation.

Our Women's group in Los Olivos also continues to be active in fellowship and in the Word. They are currently doing a study about the role of women in the church. And we are meeting twice a month. Additionally, a smaller group of ladies has been study-

ing mercy with me during the week. It is such a joy to share with these faithful and godly women. I think that they teach me as much as I teach them.

## **Thanks to Lutheran Hour Ministries!**

Over the last few months our relationship with CPTLN, the Spanish branch of LHM, has continued to deepen. In January Jeancarlos and I went to their offices in Panama to learn more about their ministry and to discuss ways in which together we can increase the number of lives reached by the message of the Gospel and improve the reach of the church in Lima. We spent a week with them and had a great time. Thank you to CPTLN and Lutheran Hour Ministry for your partnership in Peru.



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