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



Confirmations at La Victoria!!!!

We are so excited to have confirmed our first group of youth in La Victoria!!!! These four girls have been my catechism students for the last year and I am so proud of all that they have learned and come to understand in that time. They have grown in the faith and show a depth which I pray we all receive. They will be the pillars of this congregation for years to come. It is our hope to start the next group of confirmation student soon so that this may continue. The girls awaited their confirmation and first communion with an uncontainable joy and excitement. They were counting down the days! Additionally we had the confirmation of one of their fathers, Walter and one of

their teachers Laura.



Personal update: During October, we consulted with a neurologist for treatment for seizures which my husband, Jeancarlos, has been suffering. We learned that the seizures are the result of an arteriovenous malformation (AVM) a specific type of brain aneurysm. The AVM must be operated on to reduce the neurological symptoms and to reduce the risk of cranial bleeding. We have been very blessed to find a specialist here in Lima, and at the end of November the doctor will perform and embolization of the aneurysm. This will stop the blood flow to the AVM and hopefully shrink its size so that the doctor can better treat it. The full treatment plan may take up to three years. We are so thankful for all the care and help which we have received from the Office of International Mission and our church family. Thank you to all of you have already been praying. The insurance has agreed to cover the costs of the operation and LCMS is wired money to pay for the upfront fees until the reimbursements come through from the insurance. My parents are flying down to be with us for the operation as will Jeancarlos' family. We feel so blessed to have so much love and help during this difficult time. The Lord truly provides for us and ensures that all our needs are seen to.



In October, we celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In Peru, our churches joined together in unity to celebrate. We spent the whole month learning about Martin Luther and the history of the reformation. The on Reformation Day we had a huge celebration, with special numbers by the kids, art, a worship service and of course a huge meal!



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Prayer Requests, Praises & Thanksgiving

Please pray for Jeancarlos' health.

Give thanks for the confirmations and the new members welcomed to the Lord's Supper in La Victoria.

Please pray for our visa request.

Please continue to pray for the Dukes. It always takes a while to adjust and feel comfortable in a new language and new country.

Please pray for our upcoming FORO meetings in December and all those who will travel to be with us.

We give thanks to the Lord for Martin Luther and the Reformation which brought back the purity of the Gospel. We praise the Lord for our Lutheran Identity today.



Castillo in San Juan de Lurigancho, has benefited from the visits of some nursing students from a local university who have worked with the kids on cleanliness and health. Additionally, Jeancarlos and Vicar Osmel have started a confirmation class with a group of the youth who come.



En Chorrillos, we are excited to finally be able to begin bible work with the children and mothers on an ongoing basis and start planting a church. Myself and Vicar Osmel will be in charge of much of the early ground work, walking the streets, meeting the people and seeing what works. Pastor Eddie will oversee the work and come along with us as things get rolling. Vicar and I have spent a lot time during No-

vember in preparations and planning. The bible classes just got started at the end of the month and we know that it will take a while before we get traction with the mothers and begin to see fruits. Please be in prayer for this new church plant.



Kids at Castillo Forte Chorrillos.

The change in San Borja, adding the worship service at the same time as our popular English outreach event, continues to go well but it is too early to count our results. Pastor & Deaconess Duke have taken over this new approach to our old mission site. Buby, a member from La Victoria has been worshipping here and helping the missionaries. We will continue into the new year and then assess again the effectiveness of our work. Please be praying for the outreach here.

Pastor Duke with Church members



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