



Graduation in the Dom. Rep.



Gerald with his first students on their graduation day, May 2023.

DID YOU KNOW?

- *Gerald Zoom-teaches theological classes in Spanish to seminary students at Seminario Concordia El Reformador in the DR.*
- *Our first Home Service adventure is underway!*
- *LCEF stands for Lutheran Church Extension Fund, and essentially is an LCMS bank.*
- *Missions Unpacked 4 Kids, a free VBS-like resource by LCMS International Missions, will soon become available for download and use. Please consider doing it this summer*
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "Que bueno, me alegro" – meaning "that's good, I'm glad".*



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Symposia and Graduation

Toward the end of May, Gerald had the joy of attending the theological symposia, as well as the graduation of his first students at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic. It has been an honor to be part of the pastoral formation of these young men and we pray for them as they transition back to their home countries in Central and South America and the Caribbean to serve there as Lutheran pastors.

Home Service in the USA – here we come!

Aaaand we're off! These words are being typed as we're winging our way to the USA. First stop: St. Louis. Our travels will ultimately take us through 7,000 miles across 15 states to over 30 congregations in 10 weeks!

The First Two Years

How can it be two years already? Two

short years ago we landed in Grand Cayman during the midst of Covid restrictions and a locked down island. So much has happened since then and we look forward to sharing with you our stories!

See you at a church near you!

Please check with your church to see if we are scheduled to do a presentation there of our work in the Cayman Islands sometime in June, July or early August. If we are, please consider coming to the event! We would love to meet you!

Three pastors help out in our absence

Since visitors to Grand Cayman may not stay longer than a month on a tourist visa, we will need three pastors to fulfil pastoral duties at Safe Harbour during our time away. We've prepared our home for them and pray they have a joy-filled and blessed time there!



Mission Unpacked 4 Kids! MU4K



A free VBS-like resource about missions around the world available SOON!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The education committee and the LCEF exploring purchasing the preschool
- Our travels across the USA during our home service
- Safe Harbour and the fill-in pastors during our absence
- “M” – that a solution for her difficult life situation is found.
- “Y” – that her grand daughters may be baptized

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Continued Word and Sacrament ministry at Safe Harbour
- The faithful few that regularly attend divine services

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who support us with prayer, encouragement and with their generosity.

Heidi helped create MU4K

Heidi has been part of the MU4K team since September 2022 to help develop this unique VBS, specifically in developing materials about the Latin America and the Caribbean region. LAC and Safe Harbour Lutheran Church feature on Day 2!

MU4K, a 4-day VBS, explores each of our mission regions around the world to learn how the church builds, worships, prays and reaches out. This is done through bible lessons, crafts, videos and more!

Keep your eyes peeled!

This free resource, ideal also for family devotions, Lutheran schools,

homeschool, and Sunday School, is in its final stage of development, and as soon as it is ready, the link will be made available for immediate download and use...

Partnering with the LCEF



Our Preschool Project is steaming ahead like a freight train. Since the last newsletter, a preschool has come up for sale, the purchasing prospects of which, we, in partnership with the LCEF, are currently exploring. We keep this exciting project in our prayers! God’s will be done!

Soli Deo Gloria

*“O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens”.*
Ps. 8:1

*- Your partners in mission,
Gerald and Heidi Paul*



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on “Service Opportunities.”

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Gerald Paul. Make checks payable to:

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