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News from the Rickman Family serving in Latin America

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## Letters from Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

*Matthew 9:37-38 -ESV-*

Thanks be to God! What a blessing it is to see the culmination of many years of work as 105 ladies recently graduated or are preparing to graduate in the coming weeks. It is a blessing to see them excited to begin their formal service as deaconesses throughout Latin America. Please join us in giving thanks for God's faithful provision for workers to serve in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we have been spent the last 3 years assisting in their formation as deaconesses. **Thank you!**



Panama



Columbia



Mexico

...and other areas in  
Latin America and the  
Caribbean.

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**Pastor Rickman with the ladies graduating from the Ciudad de Juarez, MX**

The group of 23 ladies in Mexico gathered together in Mexico City at the beginning of May to complete their last class in Diaconal Care and then celebrated their graduation on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Some of the FORO partners were also able to attend as the FORO was planned to coincide with this special event.

In the midst of all the celebrations, we continue to finish up classes with the ladies in Panama who will be graduating on June 5<sup>th</sup> and celebrating the release of the Spanish edition of the LSB. Next week, leaders throughout the region will gather together for the symposium in the Dominican Republic as the hymnal is introduced and also celebrate the graduation at Concordia the Reformer Seminary.



## Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...thanksgiving for all the pastors and deaconesses who will be graduating.
- ...for health and safety for our family as we serve in Latin America.
- ...for local leaders to be raised up.
- ...for the strengthening of our partners and upcoming Graduations in the DR and Panama.
- ...thanks for the grace and eternal promises from the one who gives us all good things.
- ...thanks for the opportunities to serve His people in Latin America.
- ...thanks for all who make it possible for us to serve.

There are many opportunities to serve. Check out the current list and download an application at [www.lcms.org/service](http://www.lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

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## Rickman Family Update

We are working on finalizing our plans for home service this summer. Please let us know if you would like us to visit with your congregation, Sunday School, vacation Bible school, Bible Study or Ladies Aid group. For those in other areas we are not able to visit this time, we would be happy to set up a visit/presentation via Zoom with your Bible Study, VBS, board of Evangelism, etc.



***Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!  
2 Corinthians 9:15***

**We thank all of you for partnering with us and making it possible for us to share the most important message with those in Latin America! We are thankful for each of you walking alongside us!**

**In Christ <+><,**

*Arthur and Eva,*

*Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel and Mary Anna, Heidi and Hannah*



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