

August 2022 Newsletter – J4 Has A Deployment Date!

**For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." - Acts 13:47**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are incredibly thankful for YOU! Our journey in reaching the Belizean mission field has been everything but normal, but we are grateful for our Mighty Lord's provision and all your continued support.



You may see some familiar faces in the upper left of the picture.

2022 LAC Regional Conference

During the first week of August, we were blessed to attend the Latin America & Caribbean Regional Conference in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic! Our three-month-old son, Malachi, was a fantastic little traveler!



Malachi's first plane trip.

The week was full of worship (in both English and Spanish), study and fellowship with our fellow missionaries and their families. The kids even helped lead us in a trilingual version of "Jesus Loves Me" (English, Spanish, Portuguese).



Missionary kids singing trilingual "Jesus Loves Me."



Each flag represents a LAC country where LCMS missionaries are serving.

The focus of study was the book of Acts, led by Dr. Jeffrey Oswald (he insisted that we call him Jeff). Main takeaways for our family in reading this very special book written by Luke were learning about the importance of being witnesses of God's work; that witnessing is not just speaking but listening as well; and we are called to share the Good News with all people.

Each annual conference has a theme. Our newsletter's opening verse was the theme for 2022, serving as the light ("la luz" in Spanish) and sharing that light with all we meet!

Dedication of Spanish Hymnals

Is a worship service just not the same if it isn't accompanied with Spirit-filled music? The LAC Region dedicated the Himnario Luterano, the new Spanish Lutheran Hymnal, that has been 14 years in the making! It contains 670 hymns, 107 Psalms, 5 settings for Divine Service plus Matins, Vespers, prayers, lectionaries and more. We give thanks to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Concordia Publishing House, and the many, many people who contributed to this awesome project!

Deployment Date

And now the news you've all been waiting for! Our Deployment Date is September 3rd, 2022! We'll be going to Santiago, Dominican Republic for a short training, and then on to our field of service in Belmopan, Belize. We are quickly organizing and packing our lives to journey to Latin America for the next two years. Justin is still set to serve as Communications Specialist and will be creating newsletters, taking pictures/videos, helping to secure grants, and sharing how God is working in Belize and beyond with all of you. Jordan will work to develop the English as a Second Language program and has recently expanded her role to provide financial/operational support for the ministries in Belize.



Dedication of the Himnario Luterano.

We are soaking up as much family time as we can in these next weeks! Harper, our eldest nephew, started 1st Grade and Brooks, our youngest nephew, began Preschool. Both are attending Immanuel Lutheran School in Loveland, CO.

As we are all one body of Christ, we would love the opportunity to pray over your joys and sorrows. As always, please respond to our newsletter with any prayer requests you may have so we may take them to our Mighty Lord.

Specific Prayer Requests:

We ask you to pray for peace for our families and friends as our Deployment Date is fast approaching. Prayers also for Malachi and us as we prepare for our big travel days.

Visit our website to find additional information, including how you can pray for us and how you can support us: <https://www.lcms.org/logston>

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Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Our next installment will be coming to you from Belize!

Vivit,
J⁴ - Jesus, Jordan, Justin & Jamie Malachi

