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Panama Lutheran Church's Youth Christmas Concert



Youth from most of the Lutheran Congregation gathered and performed a Christmas concert and message. After the concert everyone enjoyed food and fellowship.

Christmas Day Hike in the rainforest!!!



It was about 89 F wearing shorts on Christmas day outside!!!

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MISSION NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE WALL FAMILY IN PANAMA

New Year, New Beginnings

WOW! 2010 ended with lots of surprises and changes, which has led to 2011 bringing a lot of new beginnings to our family and Gods mission around the world.

In early December we learned that Rev Dr.

Jorge Groh and his wife will no longer be serving in Latin America. Currently both Jorge and Olga are transitioning to Canada as Jorge begins the call

process. Jorge served as the Regional Director for Latin America and Olga served as the Human Care director for Latin America. May God bless them during this time of Change.

The synod asked Rev. Theodore Krey to take on the role of Regional Director. Ted is an experienced missionary who is serving in the Dominican Republic and has also served in Venezuela. Please pray for Ted and his family during this time of transition to field leadership.

The second big surprise was the loss of my grandmother on Dec 31. After months of fighting an infection and trying to recover from surgery the Lord called her home. It was a blessing for me to tell her that we



Jorge with 2 Peruvian children he baptized.

were going to have another child and to hear the joy in her voice. I The third surprise is the new relationships we are building with neighbors. Summer break for kids started in December and our kids have had more time to play with the neighborhood kids. It has been a blessing to speak with other parents about life, our families, and most importantly about our faith in Christ. Many know Jesus but have little or no relationship with him. Church is for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and confirmation (very catholic). Understand scripture and having God as part of your everyday life is not part of everyday life for many people we are getting to know. They call themselves Christian but do not know about his grace and salvation. Please pray that these conversations may continue.

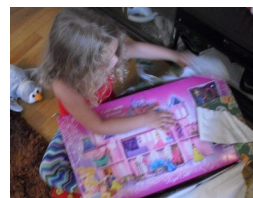
The final surprise is the wonderful out pouring of support in prayer and financial gifts over the past few months. Thank you everyone for your faithful gift to God's mission through the Wall family. Surprises and changes can be encouraging and stressful but we know that God is in control and that our salvation is sure! What a great comfort we have knowing Jesus as our savior.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Christmas in Panama—



Decorating Christmas Cookies !!



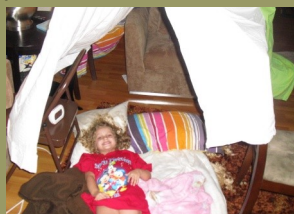
Opening Presents



Of coarse Playing with the new toys!

Our Mission at Home

A few weeks ago I, Bruce, was reminded of the importance of the mission at home to our family and for parents to our Children. Stephanie and I decided to turn the living room into a camping ground. Using rope, sheets, chairs, fans, etc we built our temporary living quarters.



As we laid in our make shift tent we told stories and talked. At one moment I asked Stephanie what her favorite Bible story was? Of course I was expecting one of the fun kids stories from her little books. To my joy and surprise she said, "Jesus dying on the cross in my favorite." then I asked why and she stated, "because he died for our sins." WOW! How awesome is that and how simple it can be to share the love and sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. My 4 year old in her way understands justification on the cross. Parent I encourage you to pray with/for, teach, and discuss God's word to your Children! Your influence and time makes a great difference!

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Prayer Updates



- Pastor Eisold and family have safely arrived in Peru!
- Rachel, former nanny, is becoming a church leader and almost every Sunday she brings her college friends to church. Her maturity in the faith and willingness to boldly proclaim it to her friends is a blessing to the Panama Church.

- First Group home in the Dominican Republic is open. Children with disabilities in the Dominican Republic have opportunities many thought would ever happen. Group Homes focus on development not just care!



Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

- Continue to pray for Pastor Mark Eisold and his family as they raise support.
- Our continued language training outside the classroom. Patience.
- Stephanie and Benjamin as they make new friends in Panama. Language, patience
- Stephanie as she continues to transition going to school and for her to gain confidence in speaking Spanish.
- Rachel, Stephanie and Benjamin's former nanny/Spanish teacher, as she grows in faith and for her studies at the university.
- Pastor Ite and his wife, Nigerian missionaries to Jamaica. Strength and guidance.
- Mission team in the Dominican Republic, people they serve, and the people and the families with disabilities.
- That more group homes will open soon in the Dominican Republic.
- Jorge and Olga Groh as they transition to life and ministry outside Latin America.
- Pastor Angel in Panama, unable to work due to an injury to his leg. Family, congregations, healing.
- Sarah and the new little Wall :) IT'S A BOY!

Thank You Concordia Nebraska Alumni



In October 2010 the Alumni of my Alma Mater, Concordia University Nebraska (Seward), awarded me with the 2010 Church Leadership In Outreach Alumni Award. To be honest I am still a surprised at this great honor bestowed up me. I know that the majority of the students who graduate from Concordia are faithfully serving in the vocations God has called them.

Concordia mission statement or theme when I was on campus was Preparing Servant Leaders

for the Church and World. My service to our Lord and the church in mission would not be possible if it was not for the wonderful professors, staff, and classmates whom formed and shaped me into the servant leader I am today. A final thank you to my father in law and part time theology professor Rev Arnold Jurchen for attending the ceremony and accepting the reward on my behalf as travel home from Panama was not possible. If you know of a anyone interested in higher education, not only church work. Check out Concordia University Nebraska.

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