



## DID YOU KNOW?

- *FPH – Formación Pastoral para Hispanoamérica - is a distance learning program out of the seminary in the Dominican Republic where Gerald is an adjunct professor. [Click HERE to read more.](#)*
- *Safe Harbour Lutheran Church is on Facebook! Please "like" our page! <https://www.facebook.com/SafeHarbourLC>*
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "TU ME HACES FALTA" – meaning "I miss you".*



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## The Parsonage is in Jeopardy!



### What's with the parsonage?

Some of you have asked for an update on the housing situation. The current house we are renting is being used as a home for the pastor's family and also for Sunday Divine Services which is wonderful. As we'd reported before, the new owner wants to significantly increase the rent, because in her mind, houses of comparable size are rented out for at least \$1,000/month more, which, if she should enforce, would make it extremely difficult for Safe Harbour to continue renting it.

### So, what happened?

We pointed out to her all the points in the house which are either missing or not upgraded compared to the other houses. She had not realized this. Especially since there's no ceiling insulation and the single pane louvre windows are screwed shut and not able to open. This is 1. not up to safety code and 2. cooled A/C air escapes through the roof and windows, dramatically driving up monthly utility costs.

### What now?

For the time being she is holding off,

temporarily satisfied with the \$100 increase we've offered. She has brought in A/C people to check what they can do to improve things; she also wants to get the utility people in to see what can be done to make the house more energy efficient. "Island time" is dragging things out a bit, which one might view as good for us, because the longer it takes, the longer we can stay here...

### Ideally, what do we need?

Ideally, we need to think big. We need to own our own property. Property is expensive and there's not much of it. It needs to serve as a parsonage AND a church. Starting a preschool to generate some income to offset the mortgage payments would be very helpful too. Or we need to think outside the box and find another solution...

### Always been teetering...

Since we've arrived on-island three years ago, it seems that so much of our time and energy has been spent looking for appropriate property. We had hoped this house would provide much needed stability, and it has for two years, which is great, but it looks like we could be looking again in the near future. Please keep this in your prayers.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FPH Conference in DR



Conference attendees: professors, guest presenters, staff, FPH students and residential students

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The parsonage – that we will not lose this house that serves as home and church. The new owner wants to increase the rent significantly*
- *“M” – that a solution for her difficult life situation is found.*
- *That more may be invited / drawn to the church to hear the saving Gospel*

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Continued ministry to Cuban refugees*
- *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.*

### Gerald attends FPH in DR

Part of Gerald’s Call is to serve as adjunct professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic. Through this connection, he attended the FPH conference in January. FPH students hail from countries around the LAC region. This is the only time in the year they can meet in person, worship with fellow students and brothers! What a rich experience for them! The week was filled with pastoral presentations with practical applications. What a blessing to them! Read more here: <https://www.facebook.com/100064532030580/posts/780218637472530/>

### Yay for Visitors!

In January we had two sets of visitors: the Rendahls of Arizona (cruise ship), and the Reezes of Nebraska (airplane). What a blessing they are to us!

### Goodbye, Angelika!

Our oldest daughter, Angelika, moved to Melbourne, Australia, at the end of January for her job. We will miss her quick weekend visits to the island when business trips took her to Florida. God bless and keep you in His tender care, Angelika. *Tu nos haces falta.*

Soli Deo Gloria



*“I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me. I will sing the LORD’s praise, for he has been good to me.”.*

*Psalm 13:6*

*- Thanking you for your continuous financial support and prayers,*

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Gerald and Heidi Paul*



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