



Home Service 2023: Part 1



Presenting at two of the 15 congregations we have been to in the past four weeks.



DID YOU KNOW?

- *Halfway through our first home service, we've already traveled about 4,000 miles through 11 states*
- *So far we've presented at 15 congregations*
- **Missions Unpacked 4 Kids**, a free VBS-like resource by LCMS International Missions, will soon become available for download and use.
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "Un corazón para el Señor" – meaning "a heart for the Lord".*

Face to face!

How wonderful it has been to meet so many of you, and receive God's gifts alongside you in worship! Your handshakes, hugs and smiles are so precious given and received in person!

Blessed abundantly!

Everywhere we have visited, we've been warmly welcomed and graciously hosted. Thank YOU! So many have commented that we "look just like in the newsletters"! We may, however, start looking a little different as we have been very well fed everywhere – and may have needed to loosen the belt a couple times already! Who can say no to hearty home-cooked meals and local delicacies? Not us! Gotta have "just a little bit of everything" at the potluck! And some dessert, of course! No worries - there'll be enough time to regain lost "belt-territory" once we're back home.

So many people with a heart for the Lord!

We have met numerous amazing people along our journey and have learned so much from so many of you! You have shown how you can joyfully share the hope you have in Christ with the people in your lives, without needing to cross international boundaries! Your prayers, your positive dispositions, your generosity and sunny outlook on life have been a huge encouragement to us. Thank you!!

See you soon at a church in MT, ND, MN, IA, WI, IL & IN!

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 July or early August. If we are, please consider coming to the event! We would love to meet you!



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Reconnecting with family



Spending time with Emma in Fort Collins, CO

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.

Hugging loved ones is the best!

One of the best things, if not THE best thing about home service, is to reconnect with loved ones. While in Fort Collins, Colorado, we were able to spend valuable time with our youngest daughter, Emma. Her hugs were the best! We look forward to seeing our son, Matthias, and our oldest daughter, Angelika, in July.

Preschool Project receives go ahead

Safe Harbour has received permission from LAC leadership as well as from LCMS leadership to go ahead with

preliminary steps to purchase the preschool. Our education committee has engaged a lawyer for the proceedings. He has drawn up and submitted a non-binding bid on our behalf. Now we wait for a response. Please continue praying that God’s will be done.

Thank you, Pastor Pollex!

A big thank you to Pastor Paul Pollex and his wife, Ardith, for filling in at Safe Harbour for us during the month of June!

Soli Deo Gloria



“O Lord, our Lord,
The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works”.
Ps. 145:13b

- Your partners in mission,
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