



# Pray for

REV. HERB AND MARKIE BURCH  
SERVING THE LORD IN BELIZE



Rev. Herb and Markie Burch serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Belize, Central America. From Belize, they support other Lutheran ministries in Central and South America.

Herb travels to several preaching stations throughout Belize where he preaches, coaches pastoral candidates and teaches adults and children about the Christian faith through Luther's *Small Catechism*. He also works with leaders of partner Lutheran churches in Venezuela, Guatemala and the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico to share the Gospel, plant new Lutheran churches and show mercy. In addition, Herb visits and mentors leadership in newly planted Lutheran churches in Honduras to encourage the young leaders there and to expand their capabilities.

Herb grew up in western Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Intelligence Corps for 24 years. Following his military service, he studied theology in Germany and at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., and terminated his studies with his vicarage in Guatemala. He continued to serve as a church planter and evangelist in Guatemala for five years. He accepted a call to the Central Coast Lutheran Mission Society in the LCMS California-Nevada-Hawaii District in 2003 and served as senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Maria, Calif., from 2006 to 2014.



Herb laughingly calls Markie his “rib” because, like Martin Luther’s wife Katie, she is at his side in mission. Markie has been busy in Belize with several large gardening projects. She does outreach to children on Saturday mornings with a rollicking “Kids Club” and teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) to several people in Valley of Peace. She and Herb have been busy cleaning and modernizing “Camp Concordia,” and soon hope to host visitors and short-term mission teams who want to help plant the Lutheran Church of Belize.

Pray for Herb and Markie as they serve in Belize. They seek prayers for common sense, wisdom, creative problem-solving skills, good health, sustained vigor and continued opportunities to share the Gospel with people desperate to learn about Jesus. Let us give thanks that Herb and Markie are serving in this part of the world.

- **BIRTHDAYS:** Herb – July 8, Markie – April 28
- **ANNIVERSARY:** Aug. 17
- **HOME DISTRICT:** California-Nevada-Hawaii

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