



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) as missionaries in Belize, Central America. From Belize, they support other Lutheran ministries in Central and South America.

Most recently, Herb and Markie shared Jesus' love in Lima, Peru, where Herb served as team lead for the LCMS Peru mission. In Peru, they strengthened the Lutheran congregation "Sola Fe, Sola Gracia, Sola Escritura" (Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Scripture Alone) and opened new work in four other sites in Lima and the surrounding area. From Lima, Herb also mentored missionary pastors in Belize, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Mexico. Markie co-taught an English Bible study "Coffee and Conversation," prepared weekly worship services and set up the

mission library. She also worked as a volunteer at the Children's Hospital in Lima and read to disadvantaged children.

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, 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.



Markie hails from south central Montana. As a Colorado College graduate, she taught for many years in Department of Defense schools in Panama and Germany. She also trained as a school and public librarian and holds a master's degree in library science. She served as librarian at the American School of Guatemala and district librarian of Lompoc Unified School District, Lompoc, Calif. Her assistance has been requested to establish a library for the new Lutheran seminary in the Dominican Republic.

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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Rev. Herb and Markie Burch

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