Erin Mackenzie serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. As the regional volunteer coordinator, she connects LCMS members with the day-to-day activities of foreign missionaries and local leaders, with the goal of educating and inspiring them to become advocates, long-term supporters and servants in their own churches and communities. When volunteers serve on-field anywhere from one week to six months — always at the invitation of missionaries and partner church leaders — Erin is involved in every step of the process. Through this work, she seeks collaboration where possible and desires to equip all LCMS volunteers for effective service.

Erin was born in St. Louis, where her home congregation of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (Des Peres) is located. She graduated with honors from Drury University, Springfield, Mo., with a bachelor’s degree in Spanish. She also studied abroad at the Universidad de Granada, Granada, Spain. Prior to her work in the Dominican Republic, Erin worked as a marketing manager at Concordia Publishing House. She also served as an LCMS missionary at Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso, Texas, for three years (2009–2011). In addition, Erin has participated in several short-term mission teams within the Latin America region. Erin’s hobbies include reading, running, playing Scrabble and trying new recipes.

Pray for Erin as she serves in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Pray that she is effective in building relationships with local members and partners so that Christ might be made known more widely and effectively. Give thanks to God for the faithful service of those who volunteer their time, talents and treasures in support of LCMS mission efforts in this part of the world, and ask Him to give discernment to those considering this option. Let us give thanks for Erin and her service to God’s children.

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