Deaconess Caitlin Ramírez serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a deaconess missionary in the Dominican Republic. She works as a congregational deaconess alongside the pastors. She serves as a mentor for the formation of Dominican deaconesses and works with the seminary in the Dominican Republic to train them on a congregational level. She also supports the work of the mercy houses in this country, seeking to strengthen their relationships with the congregations. She specifically works with the program Amigos de Jesus, “Friends of Jesus,” which is a disabilities outreach ministry.

Caitlin’s hometown is Watervliet, Mich. She received a bachelor’s degree in social work and sociology from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. She also received a master’s in theology degree with a deaconess certification from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Caitlin served as an LCMS missionary in Lima, Peru, for five years before transitioning to her service in the Dominican Republic. She enjoys reading, baking and spending time with her family.

Jeancarlos was born in Lima, Peru, and is a member of La Mision Luterana del Peru. He is currently studying at Seminario Concordia El Reformador, the LCMS seminary in the Dominican Republic. When Jeancarlos finishes seminary, he will receive a call as a pastor of La Mision Luterana del Peru, and he and his family will return to Peru. He enjoys going out with friends. Jeancarlos and Caitlin have one son, Abraham, who is with them on the mission field.

Pray for the Ramirez family as they serve in the Dominican Republic. Caitlin writes, “Please pray for the transition to the Dominican Republic, to face with His strength the culture shock and with His joy the hardship of leaving behind family and friends. Pray for Jeancarlos’ studies at the seminary and for my vocation working with the congregations. Pray for the church members here in the Dominican Republic, and for the deaconess students, that the Lord may strengthen them and lead them in their spiritual growth.” Let us give thanks for the Ramirez family’s service to God’s children in the Dominican Republic.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jeancarlos – July 22, Caitlin – July 7, Abraham – Sept. 23

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