

La Fortaleza

Maracay Mission LCMS-LCC
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Giving Thanks

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

November 27th the church buildings in Maracay were dedicated during a three hour service! We dedicated our sanctuary, parsonage and education wing. We celebrated with three choirs, three baptisms, three confirmands a wedding and Holy Communion!!

Over 250 people gathered to praise the Triune God for all His blessings and goodness towards us! There were workmen who helped us build these buildings, there were fellow Lutherans some of whom had travelled 14 hours to celebrate this awesome day with us. There were children, the same ones who had helped to lay the cornerstone. There were the youth who had worked shoulder to shoulder carrying innumerable wheelbarrows of rubble and had mixed by hand many tonnes of cement. There were fellow missionaries and there were the people of God. Above all, there was celebrated the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and amongst His people! There were so many people, that the church with all of its windows open on all four sides had people outside peering in.

The service began with a processional in the street that began with the crucifix, then banners from congregations across the country who came to celebrate with us, followed by pastors carrying the new communion ware, the musicians, a children's choir, the confirmands, and the couple that were to be married. We entered the sanctuary singing praises to our Lord and from there unfolded perhaps the most beautiful worship service that I have ever had the privilege of participating in.

We prayed, we sang, we celebrated, we worshipped, we cried, we witnessed new birth in the baptism of three children, we heard of Jesus Christ the true and only foundation in God's holy Word, we saw God's faithfulness in the confirmation of three people. We heard children, then youth proclaim the praises of their Maker, their Redeemer and their Sanctifier in song. We joined together shoulder to shoulder in a solid and true confession of fellowship receiving our Lord's precious body and precious blood for the forgiveness of sins with our brothers and sisters across the country. We dedicated our facilities to the glory of our God! Finally, the service concluded, with everyone standing singing a Mighty Fortress is Our God. So it is, and so it shall always be for us here at the Lutheran church the Mighty Fortress by the grace of God!

All of this dear friends was done in response to our Lord who has loved us so greatly and so very deeply that we cannot begin to fathom His unconditional love showered upon us through the death and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ! We give thanks to you for your prayers, your support, your love and your faith that has been so manifested towards us over these past four years! After announcements in the church service we concluded singing, Praise God from whom all blessings flow, and so they do continue to flow from our dear Lord Jesus Christ!



PROJECTED GOALS FOR THIS COMING YEAR!!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our work goals this coming month is to paint our three buildings.

- We wish to hold two intensive courses in January, one is an evangelism course and the other a deaconess training course.
- We will begin a new semester here at La Fortaleza training the five men who are studying to become pastors.
- We will by the grace of God be founding a new mission in a town 30 minutes from Maracay.
- We wish to start up a pre school, a doctors clinic, a public library, continue our English classes and establish our outreach into the community in a more overt way in this coming year.



Prayer Requests

- NEW PASTOR Pray for our congregation as we call a national pastor to serve here in Maracay as the pastor and continue the ministry begun by missionaries.
- Thanksgiving for the building project as it nears its completion.
- For fellow missionaries, the Soulnignys, the Blanks, the Savilles, the Ernsts and Rosie Gilbert.

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