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FALL  
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**2024**



# the days

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matt. 28:20



At the end of the Gospel of Matthew Jesus gives us a great promise, "I am with you always." A literal translation can be read, "I am with you all the days."

These comforting words remind us that our dear risen Lord - who victoriously won the battle over sin, death, and the devil - is with us on all of our days through which we pass: Happy days and sad days; healthy days and sick days, courageous days and fearful days, clear days and uncertain days.

He is with us on those days when we are actively pursuing Him through prayer and reading His Word...and on those days when we forget to look to Him for His help and guidance and we try to solve all of our problems on our own. His presence isn't dependent on our attention to Him: He is always faithful to His promises.

It is our hope and prayer that the children attending our LeadaChild project sites come to realize that Jesus is with them all the days, and that they learn to trust in Him and turn to Him every day and in all circumstances. Continue to pray for these young ones who are beginning to understand the great love and wonderful promises of Jesus.

And, enjoy glancing through this edition of our Fall Update as you see the smiling faces of many children and their artwork...and read about our 2024 symposium and the many teachers from Central America who are committed to learn more ways to effectively share the love of Jesus with their children.



**DURING A WEEK IN JUNE**, our dedicated cyclists tackled the Bike Across Kansas, promoting our LeadaChild mission and helping us reach our campaign goal of \$55,000. Thank you to all of you who helped us reach the goal - these funds support our international mission of providing scholarships, program support, and ongoing teacher training.

Cyclist (and board member) Mark Zillinger shares this about the event:

*I enjoy participating in the summer bike ride to support LeadaChild. When we wear our LeadaChild bike jerseys, other riders often ask us about our ministry. It is a great way to share the LeadaChild message of supporting Christian education to the children in the countries we serve.*

The team is already discussing ideas for next year's ride...maybe a new state, like Michigan! If you are interested in joining the team, just drop Mark a note at [mark.zillinger@gmail.com](mailto:mark.zillinger@gmail.com) and he'll fill you in on all the details.



**OUR JESUS JOURNEY**

**KIDS HELPING KIDS**

Our 2024/25 four-part chapel program - Our Jesus Journey - is now ready and online to use for school chapel, Sunday school openings, and VBS. It's a great way to connect your students to the mission of sharing Jesus' love around the world through Christian education; if you are interested in supporting our mission through your students' chapel or Sunday school offerings, drop Dr. Phil an email at [executivedirector@leadachild.org](mailto:executivedirector@leadachild.org).

**Christmas Card CAMPAIGN**

*Watch for our upcoming end-of-the-year campaign, featuring a Christmas card designed by our friends from St. Martin Lutheran School in San Salvador, El Salvador. Our campaign begins right after Thanksgiving and runs until December 31st (so that it can be deducted from 2024 taxes!)*

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Sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world.

# CENTRAL AMERICAN Symposium



Educators, pastors, and deaconesses from **GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR, PANAMA,** and the **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** gathered together June 24-26 in Antigua, Guatemala for a wonderful time of worship, singing, fellowship, and professional development.

Various leaders and educators from Guatemala and the U.S. assisted to provide a well-run program. We thank our Guatemalan LeadaChild committee: Pastor Luis, Pastor Rudy, Julie, and Nidia for all their planning and implementation of the daily schedule. We thank our friends from the states: Jim and Lisa Tino (Global Lutheran Outreach), Pastor and Stephenie Hovland (Portage, Wisconsin), and board members (Mark and Jan Zillinger, Nancy Jankowski) for providing presentations, music, and devotions throughout the conference.

We also thank educators and leaders from Central America: Prof. Gomez(Puerto Barrios) Christel (Guatemala City), and Pastor Alejandro and Laura (Sora, Panama) for sharing their excellent presentations.

Some of the topics for the symposium included Our Identity in Christ in Today's Culture, Integrating God's Word into the Daily Curriculum, God's Gift of Management, Guiding Students into Appropriate Use of Technology, Music in the Classroom, Effective Educational Enrichment Programs, and School/Community Relationships.

## CONTINUE TO PRAY

for all of those who work to provide children with a quality educational experience in Gospel-rich environments. Their daily commitment and service makes our mission goals become a reality... and they truly demonstrate God's great love for all those who attend school or an enrichment program at one of our Central American project sites.

***Thank you to all of you who continue to support this vital training for educators that has become an integral part of our LeadaChild mission!***



2024



This year, the special Lenten/Easter art project - Three Crosses - was sent out to all of the children at our international project sites. At Easter time, hundreds of children's pictures holding their finished art were emailed to us...we hope you enjoy viewing all their work ...and rejoicing that these children are learning about our Lord's great redemption accomplished on that middle cross.



# ARTWORK PROJECT





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e-news or quarterly newsletter

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# Bo Sierra Leone

## OUR FRIENDS AT MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL

**IN BO, SIERRA LEONE** are busy developing their educational programs and the overall campus so that they can provide a model Lutheran school for the community and for other educators to visit and receive ongoing professional development. The school is currently a primary school; the overall plan is to create a church-operated K-12 program.

This fall, they will begin their new kindergarten program: "Katie's Kindergarten" (named after Martin Luther's wife). The two little one's pictured are modeling their new school uniforms for 2024!



MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL