

# In The Way

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## Work Up North

With the exception of a quick, afternoon trip to Ottawa to meet with leaders of The Lutheran Church - Canada, I have been home in Montreal for almost the entire month of July. It was a great opportunity to work ahead on a number of important activities coming up in August and September.

A resolution passed by our congregation, then our SELC circuit, and then our SELC District in convention was passed as part of an Omnibus resolution at the Synodical convention in Tampa. That resolution encourages the LCMS to intentionally offer support and assistance for work in Montreal and Quebec to the LCC. We are edging ever close to being able to expand our Gospel outreach in the city, and perhaps beyond, through the addition of a full-time missionary – or maybe two!

## Work Down South

Budgets and strategic plans are set for all of my southern mission fields for 2019-2020. This has really helped focus our outreach efforts in Puerto Rico, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

We are very close, perhaps weeks away, from a permanent mission plan for Safe Harbour Lutheran Church in George Town, Grand Cayman. Both Deb and I were there July 24-30, helping our summer interim pastor, Rev. Dallas Dubke, with a short term team from his home congregation in Monmouth, Oregon. We sang at a nursing home and a home for disabled children; walked the beach and invited folks to worship; sang for the congregation's Sunday service; and helped lead a three-day Every One His Witness workshop.

James Krey, younger brother of Pastor Ted Krey, was installed as project manager for Puerto Rico – a position vacant since February of 2018. We also have the name of a candidate to be a second missionary in Jamaica. May the Lord of the Harvest continue to send faithful workers into his harvest fields.

## Mission Moment

Many Christians share their faith with fellow travelers and invite them to worship. This is one of those stories! Deb had a great conversation about a variety of topics with a person on her flight to Grand Cayman. After introducing him to Charles upon arrival, both suggested that if he and his girlfriend (who lives here) were ever looking for something to do on a Sunday morning, they should check out Safe Harbour.

We both prayed all weekend that we might see them, and they did come! Because of our team from Faith Monmouth, they worshipped with a larger group and heard special music. What a blessing to introduce Lutheran worship to them in this way.

Charles preached on the Gospel reading from Luke 11 on prayer. It turns out that this was a topic the couple had been discussing frequently and was exactly what they needed to hear. They were excited to join the team for lunch and we were able to continue fellowship and answering questions.

The Cayman Islands are a small country, but as God told Abraham, for the sake of a tiny remnant, He will not abandon the righteous. Pray that resources will be available to meet the needs of this island.



## A Picture's Worth of Words...



**Top Left:** The Ascension, Montreal mission team meeting in preparation for our first ever FORO in September. **Bottom Left:** Asking about the meaning of prayer at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church, Grand Cayman. **Top Right:** Emptying out, reorganizing, then refilling a storage unit for a crisis center in George Town, Grand Cayman with members of Faith, Monmouth, Oregon. **Bottom Right:** Confirmation of a new adult member of Ascension on June 28, 2019. Praise our Lord, who gives the growth.

### Prayer Concerns

For those in Montreal and Grand Cayman who have heard about being witnesses of Jesus, that they might not be afraid to share their faith with their friends, family, neighbors and colleagues,

For those this summer who are volunteering their time and talents to witness to Christ, his mercy and love across Latin America,

For loved ones who are sick and be treated for serious illnesses, especially Charles' aunt, uncle, father and Deb's father.

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