

Missionary Prayer Page

GLOBAL MISSION/EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



PRAY FOR

Allan and Marie Krahn

Allan and Marie work at the Faculdades EST, a Lutheran seminary of the IECLB in São Leopoldo, RS, Brazil. Allan is the coordinator of the library, especially involved in cataloging, bibliographic instruction and systems. Marie teaches Hebrew and volunteers in the worship life of the seminary community.



BIRTH DATES

Allan - October 19

Marie - March 9

ANNIVERSARY

November 29

COMPANION
SYNODS

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Southern Ohio

COUNTRIES OF SERVICE

Brazil

Prayer Concerns

- † Pray for the missionary outreach of the Evangelical Church of Lutheran Confession in Brazil, that it finds ways to witness in an urban and pluralistic society.
- † Pray for the seminary, Faculdades EST, as it struggles to overcome economic problems and find new ways to serve not only the Lutheran Church but others as well.
- † Pray for the students who graduate from the seminary, that they find ministries in which to serve and that the church may find ways to use them in God's service. (At the moment there are more graduates than congregations in which to serve.)
- † Pray for Brazilian society, faced with a growing problem of violence, that the government, non-governmental groups, churches, and individual citizens find ways to create a more just and peaceful society.
- † Pray for the strengthening of the NGO (non-governmental organization) SERPAZ in its work in peace education in schools and other public institutions, aimed at transforming a culture of violence into a culture of peace.



Brazil

(see letter from Allan and Marie on the back side of this page)

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The peace of Christ be with you. We send greetings from Southern Brazil. Let us introduce ourselves.

We are serving as mission partners with the Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil, IECLB [Evangelical Church of Lutheran Confession in Brazil]. The IECLB is the largest Lutheran Church in Latin America with over 700,000 members. The history of Lutherans in Brazil started with the coming of the first German settlers in 1824. Germans and Italians made up the main immigrant groups in the southern part of Brazil in the nineteenth century. We both work at the 'Faculdades EST', the largest Lutheran Seminary in Latin America.

Marie: I am a pastor's and a missionary's kid - PK and MK. In 1956, when I was seven months old, my parents and I left for Brazil where my father, Richard Wangen, served as a university student campus pastor. Our family has lived in Brazil since then. I did my undergraduate degree in linguistics at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, with Hebrew as my language. In 1988 I began doing volunteer work as professor's assistant in Biblical Hebrew, and in 1994 I took on the paid position of professor of Biblical Hebrew. In 2004 I finished my master's degree in theology in the area of teaching Hebrew. I feel one of my calls is to help students learn Hebrew pleasurably so as to encourage continued use during their ministry, where knowing the Biblical languages is so important to have a deeper grasp and insight into God's Holy Word.

Allan: I grew up in central Wisconsin and graduated from seminary at Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis. After serving a parish in northern Wisconsin, I moved to the Twin Cities and studied library science while working at Luther Seminary. There I met Marie and in 1984 I received a call to work at the Lutheran seminary in Brazil as coordinator of the library. In this way we are serving to prepare future pastors and church workers for the Lutheran Church in Brazil and also in other countries of Latin America, and for other denominations.

We are also both involved in peace work through the organization SERPAZ - Service of Peace, which was founded in part by Marie's father to work for peace and justice through non-violent action. One of the main programs of SERPAZ is peace education in schools, helping students and teachers to find non-violent alternatives to deal with conflict.

We have two children. Our daughter, Natasha, now 24, is studying social sciences at a Federal University in Salvador, Bahia, and our son, Daniel, now 21, is studying computer sciences at a Federal University in Porto Alegre, close to us. He still lives at home with us.

Peace be with you,

Allan & Marie