

**BENDY JESUS**

Recently, I was gifted a “Bendy Jesus” toy from Zion Lutheran Church in Grant, NE. At first it made me laugh, but now He travels everywhere with me! He is a reminder of two things:

-Jesus is always with me, no matter where I go.

-Life doesn't always go according to plan, and sometimes the best response is to bend, not break.

So next time life throws a curveball, I just take out Bendy Jesus, remember to stay grounded in faith and maybe do a little stretch :)



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Hola! Yo Soy Makia!

Me and my favorite book ever: *Spanish Verb Tenses*!

Fun fact: Belize is the only country in Central America where English is the official language. Sounds convenient right? One small catch... most people also speak Spanish, and by most, I mean that I will be using Spanish more often than English in everyday conversations while serving.

Because of this, I have taken on the challenge of learning Spanish from scratch. Never in my life have I ever had Spanish lessons, so it is a challenge for sure! Every week beginning in September and lasting until deployment, I spend a few hours on Zoom with my wonderful and very patient

teacher Lourdes, who lives in the Dominican Republic. Lourdes deserves an award, not just for her teaching skills but also for enduring my attempts to roll my r's and for kindly correcting me when I mix up words like *ciento* and *siento* (I accidentally told her that I have to sit on cats 🙄).

Our lessons are full of laughter and grace. I have come to genuinely enjoy the process even when my brain feels like it is running Windows 95 while trying to conjugate verbs. It is truly a humbling experience.

My favorite thing that I have learned is *El Padre Nuestro* (The Lord's Prayer). I am looking forward to being able to pray with people when I reach the field!

Picture This



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **SAFE TRAVELS** as I travel to visit churches and congregation members
- **SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAMS** as they prepare to serve the Lord
- **VICAR GAVIN** as he deploys to the DR on October 1st
- **PATIENCE** as I continue to work on my Spanish skills
- **COMFORT AND HEALING** for those who are sick or lost loved ones
- **GOD'S GUIDANCE** for those who are considering serving the Lord through His church

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- **THE SUPPORT** of many congregations and individuals who pray for, encourage, and support me
- **COOLER WEATHER** providing relief to Calvary Lutheran Church from their broken AC
- **NEW FRIENDSHIPS** and relationships built through shared faith
- **OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP** with so many Christians



This has been my view quite a bit this past month, and I am loving it!



While in Georgia, I was blessed to visit our friend Pastor Davis and his family

This month I have been to:

- Georgia
- Missouri
- Colorado
- Nebraska
- South Dakota
- Back to Missouri



I completed training, so until December 1st, I am continuing to network and meet with churches

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the Heavens.



-Ecclesiastes 3:1

As the leaves turn and fall, it is a reminder that life is constantly changing. This verse is a comforting reminder that God remains constant through every season. As we go through different seasons of life, His presence is steady.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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