

WORLD MISSIONS: Short-Term Assistant (STA's)

Katrina Nielsen

Dear WMF,



Thank you so much for your financial and prayer support during the last couple months. Having the opportunity to live with the Lees during this time was such a blessing, and a growing experience for me.

I found out that Hannah was in labor when my plane landed in Brazil. John's Aunt Joy was visiting from the US during my first two weeks there, which was a huge blessing as everyone got settled. Anastasia entered the world October 2nd, the evening I arrived.

I taught preschool to Bethany and Eliza, the two older girls, during my time there. Each morning I would teach them while John and Hannah had their language lessons, and then after lunch I would have my language lesson with Bruna, a friend who lives just down the hill. The girls love to learn and really enjoy their preschool curriculum.

We had the opportunity to go to Foz do Iguacu, which is an incredible display of massive waterfalls. After that we went to Marco Das Tres Fronteiras, where Paraguay, Argentina, and Brazil meet. We traveled from there to Campo Mourao for the Annual Conference and Seminary graduation. The Miriam Infant Home is located just below the housing we were staying in at the Seminary. I really enjoyed being able to visit the children there and learn a bit more about the home.



It was a wonderful experience to get to know the Lee family, and get a taste of what being a long-term missionary looks like for a family. I enjoyed learning many practical things about raising young children, and some of the challenges that come along with that in a foreign country. The friendships that were created during my time there will not be forgotten, and I anxiously look forward to the next time I get to see them.

Blessings,
Katrina Nielsen

Emily Olson

Excerpt from a letter to the National WMF Board meeting in September 2019.



Dear Friends,

Since last summer I have been serving as a missionary with Journey Missions of the AFLC. This has been an exciting ministry adventure for me as I have been learning much about loving people and about life and ministry in different cultures. For six months last year I lived and ministered in Jinga, Uganda. I absolutely loved the friends I made there as I helped lead various Bible studies with adults and children.

Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church and Pastor Milton Flores requested that Journey Missions consider sending me to minister under the leadership of this church and pastor in Celaya, Mexico. At the beginning of December 2018, I said goodbye to my friends in Uganda and traveled to Mexico to begin my life and ministry in Celaya. Pastor Milton Flores and his family have been very helpful to me as I work to learn Spanish and about the ministry at the church. I have been asked to lead the youth ministry and look forward to the other opportunities that God will provide.

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