PASTOR ERICKSON'S CONTRIBUTION
TO THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Thank you!

Thanks to God for safe travel these many thousands of miles we have travelled since last September.

Thanks to the Kyllo family for allowing us to use the "little house on the dairy" for ten months of our service at Zion and Mt. Sion. That enabled us to be 'on site' five days a week (and to learn a lot more about dairy farming and farming in general!)

Thanks to Zion and Mt. Sion for their generosity, for their consistent encouragement and prayer for us in our ministry. It is a great privilege to preach God's word to open and responsive hearts.

Thanks to my confirmation class of five for their responsiveness to the Gospel and to me personally.

I have enjoyed four interim assignments since retiring from Latin American Lutheran Mission in 2012, two of them were with you all at Zion and Mt. Sion.

It has been a blessing and a privilege. Barb and I will never forget you, and, when we can, we'll be dropping in to visit.

Confirmation statements of faith:

I enclose two of the faith statements that confirmation kids wrote in answer to three questions:

1. What I think it means to "confirm" my faith.
2. What Jesus means to me and why I need him in my life.
3. Have you always prayed and trusted Jesus as your Savior or have you returned to a more personal relationship with him?

"I think confirming my faith means that I'm renewing and strengthening my faith and relationship with God.
To me Jesus is a role model and my Savior. I need him to look to for help and to forgive me for my sins.
I have always prayed and trusted in Jesus as my Savior but in confirmation I learned how to worship him in the right way."

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"As a member of the church I'm taking God as my focus, he is my inspiration, and my guide, and my decision that will lead me down the best path. I believe God is the main role model in my life and that he will help me through the rough times ahead.
I ask for your help and continued support to help guide me as a Christian. Thank you!"