

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran School

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## Missions 2009-2010

*Sharing our gifts to spread God's Word*

**Emery Polanco, Martin Luther College (MLC) Student.** Emery is a sophomore from Santiago, Dominican Republic. She attends MLC, the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod (WELS) college of ministry. She is preparing for service as a teacher in one of the Synod's elementary schools. Emery like all students studying at MLC, desires to dedicate her life to sharing God's word with children on a full-time basis. Our support for Emery will be throughout the 2009-10 school year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter:** ( *Home Mission* ) English as a **Second Language** at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2827 W. Harrison in Milwaukee. This congregation is reaching out to Spanish speaking people with the message of God's love. Volunteers tutor Spanish immigrants in English and share the gospel through friendship evangelism.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:** ( *World Mission* ) **Pakistan – Kids c.a.r.e.** (care about reaching everyone with the gospel) Millions in Pakistan do not know Jesus our Savior since Pakistan is a Muslim nation. Your gifts will help Muslim children learn about Jesus. They will hear stories of God's love from the Bible. You will help children learn who the true God is and how Jesus has saved them from their sins.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:** ( *Home Mission* ) **Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church in Franklin, WI.** - This is a new congregation that began 3 years ago. Their goal is to reach out to the unchurched in the community and share the love of Jesus. They don't have a church building yet, and currently worship at the Showtime Cinema on Hwy. 36 in Franklin. They invite all to discover the victory that God gives us through Jesus. Check them out by attending their church service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday or visit their website: [www.victoryofthelamb.com](http://www.victoryofthelamb.com).

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:** ( *World Mission* ) **Russia** – Lay workers, John and Joan Oswald are in Russia managing business affairs freeing missionaries to focus on spreading the gospel. They are also training Russian Christians to manage the mission's business matters. Our offerings will be matched by WELS Kingdom Workers.

## Letter from MLC Student, Emery Polanco Betances

Monday, September 7, 2009 4:46 PM

From: "Polanco Betances, Emery" [polance@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:polance@mlc-wels.edu)

Hi my dear friends,

It has been a long time since the last time I wrote to you. My summer was wonderful. It was really hot in my country, Dominican Republic, but I was so glad because I got to see my family and friends.

How was your summer? I bet you did lots of interesting things. I got to go to so many places this summer. I went to the waterfalls up in the mountains and I went to visit a friend who lives by the amber mines. It was so fun!! Summer ended so fast but it was ok because I missed my friends from MLC and I wanted to see them.

I want to thank you all for sponsoring me last year and also for this year. I cannot possibly express my gratitude toward you for doing this.

I started my second year of college two weeks ago. It has been a really busy time with moving in to the dorms and doing homework. I got to know many new and interesting people the last two weeks. I hope many of them become my friends. I'm working really hard on my classes and doing everything the best I can.

How is school going for you? Did you get to meet new people and make new friends? I hope you are all doing fine and I hope school goes well for you.

Your friend,

Emery Polanco