



# AFCLC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Investing For Eternity

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## AFCLC World Missions

*The purpose of AFCLC World Missions is,  
by the grace of God, to make disciples  
of all nations through teaching and evangelism.*

## Supporting A New Missionary



Starting your first job as a teen is always kind of nerve wracking. You're nervous the day before. You don't sleep very well the night before. But after the first day is over you breathe a sigh of relief, wipe the sweat off your brow and generally carry on. For Ricardo it didn't work that way. He probably had all those same feelings before he showed for the first day of work at his first ever job at the butcher shop, but the day did not end with a sigh of relief.

Ricardo's first assignment was to run the meat through the grinder to make hamburger. The meat got backed up and as he tried to push it through, his finger got caught. And then, so quickly, his day turned into a tragedy. By the time they got the machine turned off, the young teenager had lost all of his fingers, his thumb and half of the palm of his of his right hand.

The day I met Ricardo was a Sunday at church. His family was invited by our Pastor and his wife who lived in their neighborhood at the time. I noticed that the boy seemed sad. When I stuck out my hand to shake his, I understood why. The accident had happened just a couple months before.



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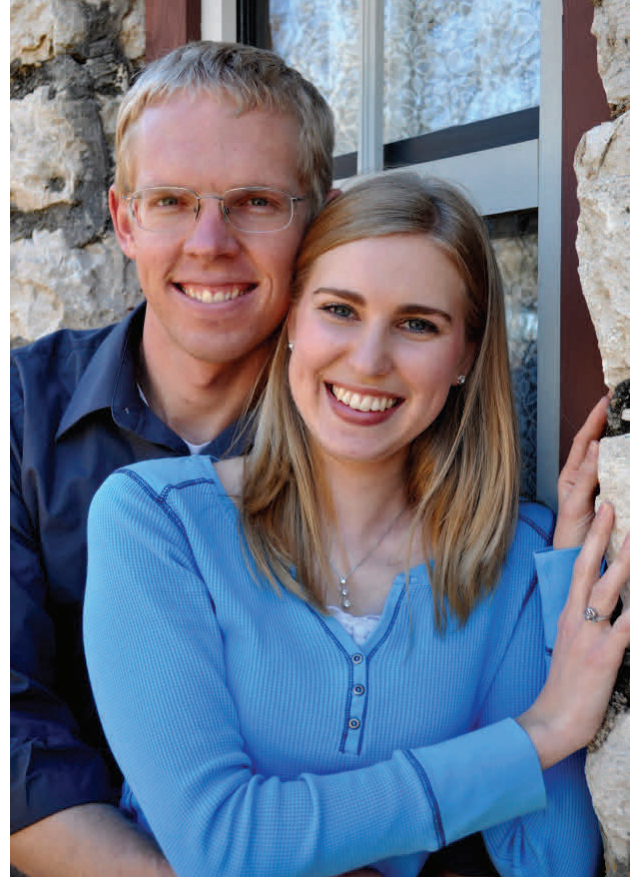
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Richardo had to drop out of school for a year in order to give his hand time to heal and to see what the prospects were of any future surgeries to help him out.

We were very thankful to God when Ricardo's mom gave him the 'ok' to come to our youth group with his younger sister Jessica this October. He is back in school this year and it was good to see how well our kids accepted him with his handicap and to see a smile on his face as well. He and his sister were part of our puppet team that performed two skits at our Christmas program recently. The night of the Christmas program, which serves as an outreach to our community, our missionary shared a special Christmas message after which Ricardo's mom gave her life to the Lord. I love how God turns tragedies into blessings!

Individuals come to the Lord one person at a time through the faithful work of our missionaries. Therefore, AFLC World Missions prays for, prepares, calls and sends missionaries to places around the world where they will encounter people who need the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Justo and Patricia Pillman have sensed God calling them to work with Spanish speaking people. After receiving an invitation from Paz de Dios (Peace of God) Lutheran church in Ecuador, the World Missions called them to be AFLC missionaries in Ecuador.



## The Opportunity to Support a New Missionary

New missionaries spend a number of months traveling to raise prayer and financial support before going to the field to minister to people like Richardo. You have an opportunity to take part in the work God has called them to do.

**Full Support**                      \$77,000 per year  
(approximately)

### Faithful Monthly Support

Whatever God allows you to do on a regular monthly basis