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Update from Latin America: Deaconess Program



Rebecca teaching piano classes in Pueblo Nuevo (photo Johanna Heidorn)



Consecration of 10 deaconesses in the Dominican Republic (photo Jana Inglehart)

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *Two missionaries, Tirzah Krey and Jamielynn Tinkey Flores, graduating from deaconess studies in CTSFW in May.*
- *Graduation of 10 men from CMSCR seminary this May.*
- *The 45 church plants that LAC is supporting across 10 countries.*
- *Missionaries called through Board for International Mission: Rev. Sergio Fritzier, Owen Klenda.*
- *Our Symposia being held at end of May with 12 church presidents attending.*
- *Safe returns for departing missionaries Heidorn, Burakowski, Tape and Fritsche families.*



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In May of 2022, our CMSCR Seminary in the Dominican Republic celebrated the graduation of its first deaconess cohort of 99 women from 5 countries. Ted is the coordinator of the deaconess program and works with his associate Deaconess Danelle Putnam Schumann, and sister deaconesses, Rachel Jaseph, Caitlin Ramirez, and Eva Rickman.

In September 2022, we opened deaconess inscriptions in four new countries: Honduras, Spain, Peru, and Uruguay, adding to Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic. To our surprise, we have 84 new students signed up to begin the second round of our 3-year program. Thanks be to God.

The women study three courses a year. The first and third course are in person, taught to women by a deaconess and pastor. The second course is taught on-line. In all, around 18 intensives are planned for this next academic year, throughout Latin America. Our deaconess professors are a hard-working bunch of dear sisters in Christ.

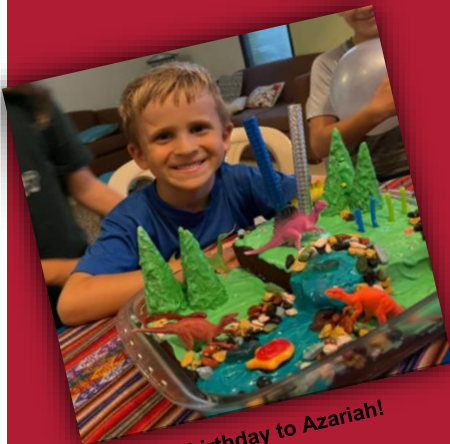
The ladies studying in the deaconess program are all volunteers. Vocationally, they are mothers, spouses, workers, and already involved in their churches. They are Sunday School teachers, visiting the sick, working in soup kitchens, and the like. These ladies are a gift to the church as they desire to learn how to speak better of Jesus, as they share His mercy with those whom they serve.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- All our missionaries in the Latin American and Caribbean region, and their families
- Our Regional Team
- Those expecting children: Jamielynn, Caitlin, and Karina

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Conclusion of another seminary year
- Ordination of two of our Mexican students
- Ordination of first Chilean pastor, also a graduate from our CMSCR seminary
- FOROS held in 6 countries with LCMS partners strongly supporting the work



Happy 6th birthday to Azariah!

THE SEMINARY MUST GO ON!

In April the director of our seminary, Rev. Joel Fritsche, received a call to serve as vicarage placement director at Concordia Seminary St Louis. After 9 years on the field and 6 years as our first director, he and his dear family will return to the States in June. We thank them in Jesus' name for their faithful service.

However, the Lord provides. This month, the Board for International Mission, has called Rev. Sergio Fritzler to serve as director following the service of Rev. Fritsche. Rev. Fritzler has served as rector of our seminary for the past 6 years. Previously, he was director of the Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Our seminary here in the Dominican Republic is concluding its 6th year. It has 50 men preparing to be pastors in two different programs. Additionally, we have our deaconess program as mentioned above and a pre-seminary program which began this year. We pray for a smooth transition moving forward.

KREY FAMILY UPDATES

This past week was a birthday week in the Krey house, with Azariah turning 6 years old! He was royally spoiled with two parties and two birthday cakes.

Esther and Tias have been enjoying playing volleyball on a team coached by a Venezuelan couple who attend our church in Pueblo Nuevo, along with two friends, Andrei and Diego, who sadly are moving back to the USA and Cuba, respectively, this summer.

A dear friend of mine, Amy, came to visit, along with her family. Amy and I met over 20 years ago when we served as missionaries in Slovakia, teaching English at a Lutheran high school. We had a great time showing them our favourite places to go around Santiago, and the beach, and also explored some new places with them – Amber mines in the hills of La Cumbre. Did you know that amber is not only yellow/honey coloured, but also red, green, and blue?!

← We are very thankful for all of your prayers and support! →

- Rev. Ted & Becca Krey, Esther, Matthias, Natalia, Evangeline & Azariah



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