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NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

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2023 was our best year yet for mangoes!

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Graduation of 10 men from CMSCR seminary on May 26th.
- Ordination and Installation of Pastor Rafael Flores in Santiago, DR.
- New church plant opened in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Symposia was held at the end of May with 12 church presidents attending.
- Safe returns for departing missionaries: Tape and Fritsche families.
- The Kreys will be attending LWML National Convention in Milwaukee and look forward to connecting with many of you!



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CONCORDIA THE REFORMER SEMINARY
FACULTY, GRADUATES, AND RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS 2023

Seminary graduation of 10 men, May 26th 2023 (photo: Jana Inglehart)

From May 23rd to May 26th presidents, professors, pastors, and graduates from 12 countries gathered for a symposium to talk about the importance of preparing pastors who tell the Good News about Jesus Christ.

Papers were given by Dr. Herman of Concordia Seminary St Louis, Drs. Rast and Mayes of Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne, Dr. Linden of Concordia Seminary Brazil, Dr. Schelske of Concordia Seminary Argentina, and Professor Fritzier of Concordia Seminary Dominican Republic. Each paper highlighted the challenges of faithfully preparing men who can be Gospel proclaimers to a dying and sinful world and the challenges of doing so in our different countries. At the end of each day, there were questions and

reflections from the audience discussing these topics.

Additionally, we heard from Dr. Wallace Schulz, who is the author of the Good News magazine and in his 50th year of ordination. Having Rev. and Kathy Schulz present was a highlight for many men who have for decades read, taught, and led many studies using the 45-plus issues that exist in Spanish. It was a real treat to hear Dr. Schulz teach.

In the evening, for the third year in a row, the heavens opened with torrential rains and gusting winds, making it impossible to hold the graduation outdoors. Quick work and helping hands allowed us to hold a beautiful event in the sanctuary with standing room only, concluding our 6th year. +Soli Deo Gloria+

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- All our missionaries in the Latin American and Caribbean region, and their families.
- Our Regional Team: Especially the Sharp family as they consider a call to the States.
- Those expecting children: Jamielynn, Caitlin, and Karina.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Conclusion of 6th seminary year.
- Two new seminary students from Haiti.
- Our new seminary director, Rev. Sergio Fritzer who accepted his call.



Deaconess graduate (Aunt Tirzah) with a bunch of her nieces and nephews



FINALLY, ORDINATION!

On Sunday May 28th, Rafael Flores was ordained as a missionary pastor in Santiago, Dominican Republic. We were blessed to have 18 pastors participate in the service. Rev. Eduardo Flores, president of the Venezuelan national church and brother of Rafael, preached. Both of these men were youth in Ted's first mission in Maracay, Venezuela, over 21 years ago. Today, Eduardo serves in Venezuela and Rafael with us in the Dominican Republic before going on to serve in Chile later next year. We give thanks that our Lord continues to raise up men for the harvest and throw them out to serve so that many more upon hearing might repent, and repenting, believe, and believing, call on the Name of Jesus. He does all things well.

KREY FAMILY UPDATES

Celebrations abounded in the Krey family, with the graduation of Tirzah (Ted's youngest sister) from the deaconess program at Fort Wayne. Almost all of the Krey family gathered for this momentous occasion, as well as to celebrate 5 other graduations (college, highschool, grade 8) in the family, including our own Esther, who finished grade 8 this year!

Esther and Matthias are off enjoying a month of farm life with their cousins in Seymour, Indiana, with the threat from their father that they cannot come home until they have killed a chicken, milked the goats, and bailed some hay! We will see how they enjoy their experience, especially Matthias, who often talks of being a farmer one day (though we live in the city).



Newly ordained Pastor Rafael Flores (middle) surrounded by fellow Venezuelan pastors (all former students of Ted), and Ted (far left)

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

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



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