



# Latin America and the Caribbean

NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

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We thank the Lord for 2 new deaconesses now serving in LAC! (photo: Jana Inglehart)

## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *The Kreys attended the LWML National Convention in Milwaukee and enjoyed connecting with many of you!*
- *Missionaries gathered for the annual Latin American and the Caribbean Region Conference in August, which included the commissioning and installation of Jamielynn Tinkey Flores and Tirzah Krey as deaconesses serving in the Latin American and Caribbean region.*
- *Summer short term teams were busy in the DR.*
- *First National Youth Gathering in the DR was a great success, with plans now to make it an annual event.*



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## Update from Latin America



Fun at the LWML convention Milwaukee, WI, June 21-24

This June we traveled to Wisconsin for the LWML convention, our first time to attend as a family. Of course, we found thousands of people wearing purple, but even more importantly, folks with their hearts and minds intent on sharing Jesus with others. We were at the LCMS booth for multiple hours in the exhibition hall and had the opportunity to meet an overwhelming number of people. The LCMS booth was organized excellently by Jennifer McDuffy, and we were able to learn of the many different areas of ministry in which the LCMS serves nationally too. We were heartened to see many women come together and encourage us by telling us of how they regularly pray for their missionaries.

Before the convention began, Ted attended a luncheon that the LCMS hosted for the district presidents and national leadership

of the LWML. It was a pleasure to get to know the ladies and learn of their work.

On Saturday, the Ferry and Krey families presented on international mission work in front of the gathering. Both Cheryl Ferry and Rebecca did a fabulous job of talking about the challenges of missionary life and the privilege of being eyewitnesses to the work of the Gospel in their respective fields of Taiwan and the Dominican Republic. The children concluded by singing "Christ be my Leader" with the Ferrys singing a stanza in Mandarin, the Kreys in Spanish, and the whole convention in English. We concluded by receiving a standing ovation from the delegates! What a treasure the LWML is to our church and has been to the greater church.

+Soli Deo Gloria+

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- All our missionaries in the Latin American and Caribbean region, and their families.
- New missionaries to come and serve in Latin America.
- Those expecting children: Jamielynn, Caitlin, and Karina.

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Gathering of youth in the Dominican Republic for a weekend event.
- Safety over the summer with many travels.
- Time to spend with loved ones during vacation time.



Azariah and Evangeline, first day of school, August 28th

## FIRST YOUTH GATHERING

From June 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> the Dominican Lutheran mission held its first ever national youth retreat in the mountains with 60 participants. Pastor Lucas Elberhardt organized the event, and a short-term team was alongside to accompany us as well.

The youth enjoyed morning Matins and evening Vespers as well as Bible studies. They competed in three teams, all coordinated by color, in rotating activities. The activities included kickball, shooting a slingshot at a target (sometimes human) 100 feet away, and, in their free time, pick up soccer.

We were grateful to have youth from all 6 of our missions and it was gratifying to see how new friendships were made. We pray that this would be the first of many such activities that will shape and encourage our youth to continue to live their baptismal lives in Christ. A number of these youths entered our mission as infants and now are in their teens. We pray for their continued Christian walk.



Happy faces at the first National Youth Gathering in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic (photo: Erin Mackenzie)

## KREY FAMILY UPDATES

**BIG NEWS:** Azariah has started first grade - his First-Ever Day at School! Yes, he did great. And No, Mom didn't cry. In fact, I didn't even think about that until someone asked me later!

Azariah and Evangeline (Gr. 4) are going together to a new school this year, just down the street from our home, which is great, because now we can walk to school! Azariah's teacher is named Dislenia, and Evangeline's teacher is Jennifer, but they both are called "Profe" by the children. Our big kids are at home, enjoying their studies at La Academia Krey. Happy Back to School for many of you also!

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

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



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