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It's FORO season again!



Ordination of Pastor Josué Ventura



Graduates, Faculty and Students, Concordia Seminary's 7th Academic Year

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Praise God for the arrival this summer of 6 new missionaries and their families: Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver, Rev. Roberto Weber – both to serve in the Dom. Rep.; Rev. Walduino Littig, Mexico; Rev. Josue Ventura, Peru; Stan and Dana Stigdon – regional business manager and volunteer coordinator, respectively
- Thankfulness for the start of the third and final year of studies for the latest group of deaconess students across the region; also, we rejoice in the start of another year of studies for our seminarians, and a new student joining us from Chile
- Annual Missionary Conference was held in the Dominican Republic, with the theme "Steadfast Love".



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It's FORO season again! This means that Ted is traveling around the region, visiting the missions in each place, along with various partners, to help plan and oversee the planting of churches throughout the region.

This last weekend Ted arrived in La Paz, Honduras, visited with the local missionary from Nicaragua, and the next day, traveled to the interior of Honduras towards the border with Nicaragua to a city called Choluteca. There, we heard reports from all three of our missions, and how to encourage and support them. On Sunday, we witnessed the birth of a new church plant as the first 10 adults were confirmed and two youth were baptized. The photo above shows those recently confirmed communing for the first time at the Lord's Supper. This is always a great day for a missionary!

Then, it was on to Jamaica, to work with Pastor Ite on planning for the two missions in Kingston, Jamaica, and from there on to Panama to visit with our FORO partners and missionaries the next weekend. Thanks be to God for all our partners supporting the work across Latin America. You can be a partner in the gospel also! Please reach out to us to know more about FOROs and how you and your church can join us!

Thanks be to God for a plethora of ordinations/installations for our seminarians:

- Josué Ventura, Peru, May 26th
- Francisco Elías Chan, Guatemala, July 7th
- Freddy Otuvo, Bolivia, Sept. 21st
- Demetrio Perez, Panama, Sept. 22nd,
- Rafael Flores, Chile, Sept. 27th
- And to come...Carlos Ventura, Venezuela, Oct. 6th

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Our area facilitators: Rev. Herb Burch, Rev. James Sharp, and Rev. Arthur Rickman and their families.*
- *Prayers for healing for both of our regional chaplains: Rev. Conrad and Rev. Naumann*
- *Prayers for our 45 church plants that LAC is supporting across 10 countries and for strength and the Lord's angels to protect our pastors, teachers, and their families.*
- *Flores-Tinke Family on their move to Chile*
- *Rev. Idjon Fritz and family on their move to the USA*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Healthy Krey children advancing in their school studies.*
- *Newborn baby girl, Ana, born to Rev. Idjon & Beatrice.*
- *Six pastors from our seminary placed into congregations*
- *Successful youth retreat held in the Dominican Republic, 2nd annual, with double the youth attendance from last year!*

SUMMER NEWS...

Our 7th annual symposium was held at the seminary in May, with the theme of church planting, which was really enjoyed by the crowd of church planting pastors! At the closing service on Friday we celebrated the graduation of latest Concordia the Reformer Seminary students, Freddy Otuvo from Bolivia, and Rev. Demetrio Pérez from Panama. Their graduations bring the total number of pastoral graduates to 32, since the seminary's opening in 2017. Twenty-one of the 32 have been part of the residential program, the other 11 studied through the online program (FPH). We thank God for the solid theological training these men have received and pray for courage and strength as they go out to plant Lutheran missions, and by God's grace, churches!

KREY FAMILY UPDATE

Back to school for the Krey kids! The youngest two walk down the street to our local school, to learn Spanish, and the oldest three are attending Wittenberg Academy online. The big kids also help a lot with music in the missions – playing for services on Sundays and Wednesdays, Tias is again helping on Tuesdays to teach guitar to the seminarians, and on Friday mornings, they now assist Pastor Yban in Lacey, with the chapel services at the school there.

Last week when we arrived, I was parking the car and the security guy came up to my window and said, "Maybe you don't want to park there..." as he looked up at the tree branches above us (about 30 feet above us), and continued was a thick Dominican accent "...los aguacates son pesa'o", which translates to "the avocados are heavy". I moved the car, and laughed to myself, thinking, boy, I sure ain't livin' in Canada anymore, eh? 😊



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

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



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