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Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission celebrates 20 years of mission work!



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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Praise God for Pastor Ekong (from Nigeria) who has accepted a call to serve as an alliance missionary in Jamaica. We give thanks also for new missionaries arriving soon for language learning and deployment to the DR (Vicar Gavin Johnson), Belize (Makia Adler) and Panama (Rev. Jonathan Anderson).
- We thank God for the celebration of 125 years of LCMS mission work in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, celebrated in August in St. Louis with Rev. Dr. Larry Rast as our guest speaker and visits to Altenberg, Historic Trinity. Thanks to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and several local congregations for their great hospitality and as we explored our American Lutheran roots.



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Joint celebration service held on Sunday, Sept 7th in Palmar Arriba

15 FORO partners, including the South Wisconsin District and English District, gathered September 5-7 in Santiago, Dominican Republic, to celebrate with missionaries and Dominican Lutherans the 20th year since missionaries arrived in the country. Today, there are five missions, a Lutheran elementary school, a foundation for people with disabilities, as well as the regional seminary - Concordia Seminary, the Reformer, and the Mercy Center (CMSCR), which prepares pastors and deaconesses to serve in 14 countries across Latin America. Additionally, there are 3 preaching stations in proximity to the missions where there are not yet confirmed members.

On Saturday, missionaries and Dominicans alike presented

historical sketches of how the work began in each of their missions, school, foundation and where the work is presently. In each, we heard stories of thanksgiving, grace, and the mercies of our Lord Jesus as He has been faithful in allowing the Gospel to prosper through the preaching and administration of the sacraments.

On Sunday, over 200 Dominican Lutherans gathered from all over the country and a dozen pastors participated as Pastor Weber preached on the faithfulness of Christ and exhorted us to remember that Christ has remembered us and will continue to do so Sunday after Sunday through His means of grace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 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.
- We give thanks for a new cohort of deaconess classes beginning, with 58 women studying across the LAC region.
- Thanksgiving for the deaconess graduates from Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, the DR, and Guatemala. Coming up – graduation services in Honduras, Panama and Spain.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Six pastors from the Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia (ICEL) who passed their colloquy exams!
- The Krey children who serve our missions with their musical abilities, guided now by our new missionary, Abby Young, to the glory of God and the well-being of others.



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KREY FAMILY UPDATE

Summer Home Service

From June 15 to July 15, the Kreys visited 12 States, logged 4345 miles, and spent just over 100 hours in the minivan. The best part, however, was visiting congregations and families in Colorado, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana and Washington. It was a blessing to see pastors faithfully preaching the Gospel and serving God's people where He has placed them, and many faithful supporters, some of whom we had not seen in more than a decade!

We also enjoyed stopping in at the LWML convention in Omaha, where we met hundreds of people who wished us well and assured us of their prayers, well wishes and thankfulness for our service in the Dominican Republic and abroad.

We give thanks in Jesus' Name for each one of you. You are an essential part of the reason that we are able to continue serving our Lord Jesus and His church, on your behalf. The Lord be with you.

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

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

First Day Back-to-School



Azariah (Grade 3) is the lone shark heading to the local Spanish school just 2 minutes down our road. He has a bunch of Lutheran classmates – including 3 children of seminarians (a Mexican, Chilean and a Bolivian) and a fellow missionary kid. Evangeline (Grade 6) is beginning her first year of homeschool and is enjoying being at home with the big kids. Besides their core classes, Natalia (Grade 8) and Evangeline enjoy taking catechism classes with Pastor Naumann, Bible classes online with their grandpa in Canada, and Spanish classes with Ilse at the regional office. Esther and Matthias (Grades 11 and 10, respectively) are attending Wittenberg Academy online. One of the bonuses of homeschool is schedule flexibility – Esther, Matthias and Natalia can take out time from their school days to go and assist with music programs at Concordia in Palmar (Natalia), the seminary (Matthias), and at the school in Lacey (Esther and Matthias). We thank the Lord that they can serve in this way.



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