

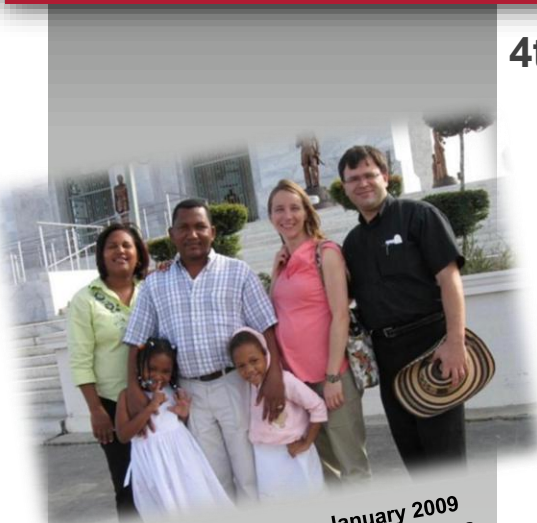


Latin America and the Caribbean

NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

JAN 2026

4th Annual Theological Conference lcms.org/krey



Flashback: Photo from January 2009
On January 17th we celebrated 17 years
since our arrival in the Dom. Rep.!

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- We give thanks for 2 new missionaries who arrived to the field on Dec. 2: Makia Adler, who will be serving in Belize, and Rev. Jonathan Anderson (Panama). They will be in Santiago for 3 months of training and Spanish studies before deploying to their fields of service.
- Deaconess graduations took place over the past months bringing the total number of deaconess graduates to 146 since the beginning of the program in 2017. Please pray for the new students (our 3rd cohort), who began studies this fall.
- Thanks to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, The Lutheran Book of Prayer is now in print in Spanish!



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January started off with a bang as we welcomed a host of guests in the Dominican, for the annual Formación Pastoral Hispano (FPH) conference, which began on Epiphany Day, January 6th. This program is meant for older men who are working, supporting their families, and they study by taking 1 course at a time, 4 courses a year, for 4 years. Currently, 16 men are in this program, and 6 were able to attend the intensives this year.

Additionally, 10 prospective students considering pastoral service were present from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia, and Peru. Each of these men had the opportunity to visit with the faculty, meet students, be in worship, and participate in the hearing and discussion of good theology.

The focus for the intensives this year was on pastoral acts and ministry. The days began with Matins, and then seminars were held on Baptism, Confession and Absolution, the Lord's Supper, working with people with disabilities, youth, amongst others.

After each session, the men had the opportunity to break into groups and participate in the theological conversation, reflecting on how this might be worked out in ministry in their respective congregations.

With the visiting students, their mentors, prospective students, residential students, and seminary staff, the count reached close to 60, and made for great singing in the chapel, where we were also privileged to hear good preaching throughout the whole week!

We give thanks to our Lord for a total of 15 young men who are discerning whether the Lord is calling them to consider the Holy Ministry as pastors. We are thankful that the Holy Spirit is working on the hearts and minds of His people and working to send us men, for the fields are indeed ripe. We are thankful that if even half of the men come this September, we may have men studying from 10 different countries in residence. Pray that the Lord would grant these men discernment at this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *New missionaries: Pastor Jonathan Anderson and Makia Adler*
- *Pastor Ekong (from Nigeria) who has accepted a call to serve as an alliance missionary in Jamaica, please pray for their preparations and visa processing.*
- *The 10 men expected to graduate from the seminary this coming May 2026. Pray that the Lord would have places for each of these men to serve.*
- *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.*
- *Prayers for Robin Wildauer as she undergoes cancer treatment in the US and her husband Pastor Wildauer and their dear children.*
- *Prayers for the health of Rebecca's father, Rev. Paul Pollex, and Ted's mother, Joan Krey.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Seventeen years of service in the Dominican Republic for our family.*
- *Good health for our children and prayers for continued focus as they are halfway through their school year.*

KREY FAMILY UPDATE

Music at our FPH Conference

For a third year now, Rebecca has been asked to lead a session each day highlighting the sacred music of our church during the FPH Conference. She had the men sing different hymns that related to the speaker of each day and gave a historical sketch on the context of each hymn. She also highlighted the use of canons, as a number of canons are included in our hymnal, and at one point, she had all the men break into a canon of four parts, which was immensely enjoyed by all.



Hospitality

January has been a month of hospitality: During the first week, over 60 participants came over to our house from the FPH Conference for a barbecue grilled by Ted, Tias, and Azariah. Our event began with a Vespers service, with Rev. Dr Don Wiley preaching. Later in the evening, the Krey children sang and played several Epiphany hymns to the enjoyment of all gathered.

The 3rd week of January, we enjoyed hosting a great short-term team from the St. Louis Seminary, together with our local seminarians and their families, and a few other missionaries (a total of about 55 people) – for an evening of fellowship and a marriage workshop (led that evening by Rev. Joel Fritsche).

And now this past week, we welcomed the LAC Regional Leadership Team, plus some additional guests, to round out the month of hosting dinners.

Needless to say, our coals have been staying hot, the house clean, the new slushie machine churning, and the ping-pong table hopping! Stop on by!

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

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



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