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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *FORO season is in full swing! DR (Sept.), Honduras (Sept.), Panama (Sept.), PR (Oct.), Chile (Oct.), Mexico (Oct.), Peru (Oct.)*
- *Large group of new missionaries arrived to the field: Nora Betts, Deaconess Kate Phillips, Cadence Fulfs, the Cepeda Family and the Amen Family*
- *Tenth year of studies begins at the regional seminary CMSCR, with 7 residential students, including a new Dominican student.*



Rebecca with another missionary mom, Agatha, and her baby Maria Elisa, on her baptismal day! Las Americas, Dom. Rep.





Unveiling of a plaque, thanking the LWML for a national grant which enabled the construction of the seminary, completed in 2017

CELEBRATION!!

THE 10TH YEAR OF OUR MERCY CENTER AND CONCORDIA "THE REFORMER" SEMINARY (CMSCR)

Our September FORO in the Dominican Republic brought together over 20 partners from across the United States to celebrate the 10th year of our regional seminary's work in preparing pastors, focusing on their roles as shepherds, evangelists and teachers, as well as preparing deaconesses and Lutheran school teachers. Over 200 people, including members from all our Dominican missions, came together to hear the Word preached, see two deaconesses consecrated, and recognize our faithful directors of the past and present, the Rev. Joel Fritsche and Rev. Sergio Fritzler.

Additionally, the FORO recognized LWML's past contributions, including a national grant to build the CMSCR seminary and our group home; we unveiled plaques at each site and gave thanks to our Lord for His mercies, which are new to us each day. We are grateful that the Lord of the church has been faithful in allowing us to prepare 57 pastors and 148 deaconesses to date, and we currently have about 400 students in our programs (pre-seminary, pastoral, diaconal, teacher, continuing diaconal education) in 15 different countries.



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Quechua Program Graduates, Bolivia

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *New missionaries arriving in Santiago for orientation*
- *For Pastor Ivan Doebber and family as he is now installed and serving in Honduras; and also for Pastor Tiago Schuambach and family, installed and serving in Peru*
- *For Robin Wildauer as she and her family prepare to return to Belize, and for her continued cancer treatments.*
- *For the arrival of Pastor Cristiano Mendez, who accepted the call to serve in Santo Domingo.*
- *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.*
- *For Rebecca and family as they mourn the loss of their father & grandfather, who finished his earthly race and joined the church triumphant, August 21.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *The birth of Maria Elisa to the Elberhardt Family on Sept. 24th, Pastor Lucas and Agatha serve in the DR*
- *Ordination and Installation of 2026 serminary graduates: Oscar – Mexico, Kairo – Guatemala.*

BOLIVIA - FIRST GRADUATES FROM THE QUECHUA PROGRAM

Ted traveled to Bolivia in mid-September and to attend the FORO and the graduation of 7 men from the FPQ program, which our partner Bolivian church (ICEL) and our CMSCR seminary have co-hosted for the past 3 years. The FPQ program, or Pastoral Formation in Quechua, supports the local Bolivian pastors who speak Quechua, an ancient Andean language spoken by the Incas of the Andean region. Perhaps more than half of the Bolivian Lutheran church speaks this language, and although we have collaborated with them for the past 15 years to prepare Spanish-speaking pastors, the last three years mark our first efforts to work in another language with our partners in Bolivia.

We reviewed the program, established new criteria, and the church joyfully announced that another 10 men are prepared to begin a second cohort which will start in January 2027. All 7 of the current graduates will be ordained in the coming months.

Several years ago, we translated a catechism into Quechua in cooperation with the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, laying the groundwork for good, faithful teaching of the laity. Our work formally began with ICEL Bolivia in 2010. At that time, we gave scholarships to prepare the first pastors for the Bolivian church, which, because of its pietistic roots, did not prepare pastors. This partnership grew, and later men attended our CMSCR seminary in the Dominican Republic. These efforts culminated in July 2026 when the LCMS formally welcomed the ICEL into fellowship at its convention in Arizona. We give thanks to our Lord Jesus and His Spirit, who have granted us such concordia and fellowship together in the Gospel.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IN GERMANY

Our missionary conference was privileged in August to gather in Wittenberg and learn of our German beginnings at the heartbeat of the Reformation. Rev. Dr. Larry Rast led our conference in teaching us of the Reformation, its struggles, its beginnings, and how the hand of the Lord led these reformers to bring forth the Gospel in very trying and difficult circumstances. Walking tours let us visit the Old Latin School, the Luther House, Melanchthon's house, the Castle Church, where Luther nailed the 95 Theses, and St. Mary's Church, where Luther preached regularly. We were privileged to hold Matins at St. Mary's and hear our own missionaries preach and sing in English and Spanish. It was especially meaningful to hear how the Wittenberg seminary became a center of the Reformation, as thousands of men were sent out over time to multiple countries, bringing the newly discovered Gospel to all parts of Europe. These lessons were helpful for missionaries to reflect on our own teaching, difficulties, and practice, and compare our experiences to those of the reformers in shedding light on the complex challenges that exist in beginning work that plants Lutheran churches, prepares pastors, and seeks to faithfully bring the Gospel to a people that do not yet know Him.

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

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

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