

# Latin America and the Caribbean

## NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY



Summer 2018



### REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Disaster Relief work continues with roof construction in Puerto Rico
- Seminary completes first year
- New FORO to support work in Honduras
- New missionaries Ruth Maita and the DiLiberto Family to serve in Puerto Rico, Erin Mackenzie to serve in the Dominican Republic, Rev. Arthur & Deaconess Eva Rickman and family to serve in Panama

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS

- New church and school dedicated in Licey
- Short term team helps sprucing up schools
- First wedding takes place at church in Pueblo Nuevo



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### End of school year activities

In June, our three schools saw the conclusion of another year. Our grade school in Palmar Arriba concluded its 7<sup>th</sup> year, and the preschool in Licey, now situated in a new building, wrapped up its 5<sup>th</sup> year. Our seminary also concluded its first academic year in June. All three had closing services as well as different end of the year activities. The schools in Licey and Palmar Arriba joined together for a two day workshop on the essentials of Lutheran education. July is a quiet month as all our teachers and staff are on vacation before preparations begin again August 1.



Opening devotion for school children in new church building, Licey



Team from Fort Myers, Florida cleaning up the school properties in Palmar Arriba and Licey

In May, we received a team of deaconess students accompanied by Deaconess Amy Rast of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. The ladies had the opportunity to receive missionary education, visit our group home, our schools, have dinners with missionaries and visit our work in Kilometro 28 where we continue to advocate for people with disabilities. We were encouraged by their enthusiasm and look forward to their continued studies and potentially some of them entertaining future service in the mission field.

We were blessed as well with a visit from a short term team from Fort Myers that was busy painting the schools and sprucing them up for the new year, alongside our missionaries and their children. We remain grateful for their steadfast support!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- All our missionaries and their families
- Smooth transitions for new missionaries arriving, others readjusting to life in the States, and the many travelling
- Our Regional Team
- School inscription at our Lutheran Schools
- Our seminary and seminary recruitment

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Returning and new missionaries coming to the field
- Completion of church and school in Licey!
- The birth of baby Joanna to the Warren Family, Margaret to the Schlund Family, and Lucas to the DiLiberto Family! Praise God!

## OTHER NEWS

In April, our seminary held its first ever mercy conference on theology of the cross. Several church presidents and seminary professors and directors from Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil and Chile attended. We were blessed to be able to hold up the work of the seminary and hear some excellent papers from Pastors Preus and Fritzler and also hear of regional projects that are being held around the country. Great conversations were had around the mercy that is ours in Jesus and living a life under the cross which is faithful to the Gospel.



In June, the Krey family had two weeks of vacation in Canada. All 9 of Ted's siblings were together for a family reunion. Ted's 7<sup>th</sup> sibling was married and a grand time was held by all. Oma Krey also enjoyed having 17 of her 19 grandchildren together as well.

### A note from home -

The big news from Santiago is that we have moved! The move was a whole three blocks away from our old house, but to a home with a huge yard. We are thankful for the space. Now I can finally yell, 'Go outside and play!', instead of 'Go play in the garage!' This morning the kids were busy tending to their plantain and banana trees that we just planted, and now our monkeys need to wait patiently for about 10 months before we will be eating our own fruit. We also have two mango trees, an avocado tree, 4 guanabana trees, 3 coconut trees, a higüero tree, and a passion fruit vine.

Another new experience this summer has been to care for some chickens of fellow missionaries. Even little Evangeline has learned to hold these new feathered friends. It is much fun to watch the games of chase around the backyard between the kids and the chickens.

We hope you are all enjoying your summer holidays! You are welcome to come climb in our backyard and eat the mangos! ~Becca

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

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



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