



# Latin America and the Caribbean

NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

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This kid is changing so much every day! Lovin' his Bumbo chair and getting big!

## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Regional Retreat held Aug 7-11
- Three new missionaries begin training in St. Louis to serve in the Dominican Republic, Spain and Peru
- Seminary-Mercy Centre opening

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS

- James Krey arrived and begins training to serve on the Communications Team
- Plans continue for construction of church/preschool in Licey
- Music team ran a camp in Pueblo Nuevo
- Graduation of 4 deaconesses and pastoral candidate, Idjon Fritz, who received a call to serve Palmar Arriba



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## Opening of the Seminary & Mecy Centre

On August 20<sup>th</sup> a wonderful 3 hour service marked the opening of our Mercy Centre and Seminary. During the Divine Service Idjon Fritz received his graduation certificate and 4 of the women of the congregation also received certificates for their deaconess studies. Idjon also received his divine call and, pending his acceptance, would be ordained and installed October 1<sup>st</sup> along with the four deaconesses celebrating their consecration.

Thirteen pastors participated in the opening service along with over 300 people from our 5 mission stations. Reverend Joel Fritsche was installed as the director of the seminary and preached on how Jesus rejoices over us because our sins are forgiven and we have His name upon us in Holy Baptism.

Seminarians are due to arrive over the next few weeks and, Lord-willing, 10 men will begin the residential component of their studies on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, SMP, an online pastoral study program, in Spanish/English will be offered together with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to men in several countries.

In addition to the graduations and opening ceremonies on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated 11 baptisms during the service as well, with Pastor David Preus beginning the service by giving of Jesus through water and the Word. What joy to

see new life and know that our Lord keeps His promises throughout the whole of one's life! How blessed are we to be counted as His and He as ours. How good our Lord is to us. How many are His blessings, yes, even without number! Thanks be to our Lord who gives us the victory in Christ Jesus.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Safe arrival of seminarian students and the beginning of classes Sept. 11th
- Idjon Fritz as he deliberates his call
- Yvan Navarro as he completes his seminary studies
- Construction of school and church in Licey
- The beginning of school at our Concordia Lutheran Schools

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Safe return of our family to Santiago
- Good heart report for Matthias from his recent visit in July to Boston



### MISSIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Our church & school in Licey is forging ahead. Soon the roof on both the chapel and the school will be put on. We are thankful to our FORO partners and many congregations of South Wisconsin district who have steadfastly and willingly helped us throughout this past decade.

The school year begins this month and we hope, that if all proceeds according to plan, we might have the children moved from our current overcrowded and rented facility to this new one. Please keep this project in your prayers.



#### *A note from home -*

Greetings once again from the warm Dominican! Yes, we are back home. So that means warmth, lots of sunshine and sweat, mouse traps, hanging up laundry, mosquito bites, limited hot water and my 3am rooster waking me up again in the early morning.

It's not all difficult, but it is an adjustment to make to life in Santiago, and add into the mix a new sweaty baby ☺. But there are many joys about our life here also, like delicious mangos and avocados the size of Azariah's head, sharing time with our missionary friends and Dominican families, and witnessing the opening of a seminary (how often does that happen! It's your turn to come now and visit us!

~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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