



## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *Rev. Brian and Amanda Gauthier, and Ezra, prepare to move to Panama, after 4 months of new missionary training in the Dominican Republic*
- *New mission opens in Peru with 6 baptisms*
- *New missionaries prepare to come to the DR for missionary training*

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS

- *Welcome to the Preus Family! (see [lcmsintl.org/preus](http://lcmsintl.org/preus))*
- *Special Christmas outreach in Ozama mission in Santo Domingo*
- *Christmas celebrations in all missions*



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## The Beginning of a Regional Seminary...



Construction of Seminary in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic.

The new seminary building and deaconess center saw construction begin in November. The construction adds a third floor to our church and school building. It will have a deaconess center, classroom, four professor's offices, a kitchen and a tremendous view of the Cibao valley in which we are located.

Together with this seminary, which Lord-willing opens August 20, we will see the graduation of our second Dominican pastor, Idjon Fritz.

Idjon has finished his vicarage and begins his last semester of studies this month. We pray for his continued study in God's Word and that his faith might be strengthened.

A number of women who are studying to be deaconesses will graduate on that day as well. Please pray for Carmen, Mella, Jacquelin, and Danelsy as they

continue their deaconess studies in Palmar Arriba.

We are waiting to see how many foreign students will come and be in residence. There are 20 scholarships that LCMS offers for men around Latin America to study to become pastors.

Church partners are in Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Guatemala, Venezuela and Mexico.

Other emerging places of work where LCMS has missionaries on the ground include Peru, Uruguay, Panama, Mexico, Spain, Jamaica, Caymans, Belize, Puerto Rico, and, of course, the Dominican Republic.

By God's grace the Office of International Mission LCMS has been in Latin America for more than 115 years.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Construction of Seminary in Palmar Arriba
- Arrival of new missionaries to Dom Rep, Panama & Peru
- New missionaries: Naumann, Krey, and Inglehardt as they seek funding
- New missionaries to be called at the end of January
- All those studying in catechism classes throughout the region

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Little Krey on the way! – please pray for Rebecca and baby, due God-willing in early May
- Opening of new mission in Peru
- Give thanks for baptisms and confirmations celebrated across the region over Christmas

## MISSIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

January 19<sup>th</sup> represents 8 years since we first arrived in the Dominican Republic from Venezuela. In that time we have been privileged to see the church grow to five missions, two schools, and now a seminary. We have also been blessed to see Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes, which serves children with disabilities, continue to serve our six youth in our group home and now see changes slowly being made in yet a third institution where mercy is sorely needed, and the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ is being made known to those who are marginalized.

This year also marks 6 years in which Ted has served as regional director for Latin America and transitioned from missionary to having oversight of church planting in 10 countries. He is privileged to work alongside 40 missionaries throughout these countries.

On a personal note, we arrived pregnant with Esther and have since seen Matthias, Natalia and Evangeline added to the family with yet another blessing coming our way in May of this year. The Lord is good and His blessings are many and beyond counting.

### A note from home –

It's hard to imagine that 8 years ago I was just 2 months pregnant with Esther, and when she was born, she was the only missionary kid around for miles....Today we have a whole community of missionary kids around us - in Santiago alone there are now 17! And 3 more close by in the capital of Santo Domingo, not to mention all of the missionary kids that we get to play with while they are here for 2-4 months of new missionary training. Hardly needs stating that they have lots of fun together. Matthias is especially happy now that the Preus family arrived with 5 boys ☺! Christmas holidays for the kids here don't include the usual snow storms and ice skating that I grew up with, but we have our own Caribbean-style fun with tobogganing down the hill at the Monument on cardboard, catching lizards for Christmas presents, and we still decorate cookies and drink hot chocolate when it gets "cool" (like 19°C or 66°F). Feliz Año Nuevo to all of our family and friends around the world!



*We are very thankful for all of your prayers and support. God's richest blessings to all of you as we begin this New Year in God's grace.*

*- Rev. Ted & Rebecca Krey, Esther, Matthias, Natalia & Evangeline*



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