



Latin America and the Caribbean

NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

Sept - Oct 2017



Everyone was thrilled when we found a pumpkin in the grocery store.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- New FORO in Jamaica holds first meeting to support work
- Reformation celebrations held across region
- Paraguay visit for ILC conference

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Weathering of 2 major storms as hurricanes passed close by
- Disaster training led by LCMS Disaster Response staff
- Construction continues for church/preschool in Licey



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Reformation Celebration



On October 1st, with much joy and celebration, Idjon Fritz was ordained and installed as a pastor at Concordia Lutheran, Palmar Arriba. He is our second Dominican pastor to be ordained since our mission work began here in 2009. 15 pastors were present from 5 countries to lay hands on him and pray for his future ministry of the word and sacraments!

The ordination took place during a joint mission Reformation celebration that was held to celebrate our 10th year under the theme 'Remember, Repent and Rejoice'. Ted was privileged to preach how our Lord Jesus remembers us with His hands, feet and mouth, in the text where He accompanies His disciples on that great Easter Eve on the way to Emmaus. In the same way, our Lord remembers us even now in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of His wine by giving us of Himself for the forgiveness of our sins. He still remembers us by advocating for us at the right hand of the Father, that we are cleansed and

holy. He promises to remember us when we lay in the tomb, for He will raise us on our feet just as He did, and bring us to be with Him in the homes He has prepared for us. Meantime, He gives us hands and feet to love our neighbors, and mouths to proclaim His death until He comes again in all glory.

After Idjon's ordination, four dear ladies were consecrated as deaconesses - Danelsy, Jaquelin, Carmen and Mella. We give thanks for these mouths, hands and feet that will make known, to an ever expanding circle, our Lord and what He has done.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Pastor Idjon Fritz as he begins his pastoral ministry
- Our 4 newly consecrated deaconesses: Carmen, Mella, Danelsy and Jaquelin
- Construction of school and church in Licey
- Our seminary, seminarians and professors

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Protection from Hurricanes Irma and Maria
- Support from our mission partners at our recent FORO gathering



REGIONAL UPDATE

Over our 8 years of life in the Dominican Republic we have never experienced such a hurricane season as this. With great concern we watched two major hurricanes just narrowly miss the island. Much time was dedicated to disaster preparedness, and now we are working together with LCMS Disaster Response to assist those in need on the neighboring island of Puerto Rico.



In September Ted also travelled to Jamaica where we rejoiced to see a new building bought for our church plant there and we celebrated 10 years of Pastor Ite from Nigeria serving the people of Jamaica.

Ted travelled to Paraguay as well where presidents of Lutheran churches were present from Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, and Guatemala. The council affirmed the importance of missions and a renewed effort to reach urban centers around

Latin America, which is the most urbanized region in the world. They also affirmed the continued proclamation of the Gospel to a dying and sinful world. We give thanks for the continued faithful witness of our sister Lutheran churches and the 40 church plants that our missionaries are working in 10 different countries. We pray that the Lord Jesus would grant us renewed vigor to proclaim Him crucified to a generation that has not heard.

A note from home –

Introducing our new 3 year old! Evangeline (Lina) loved her birthday celebrations; the number three candle on her cake just thrilled her, the cake itself was carried around the home to show everyone.

So, what is life like for little Lina?

Well, everyday around 8am she runs to the door after hearing the whistle call of Señor Avena, our neighbourhood banana/avocado vender, as he makes his rounds. He always gives us 2 free bananas, one for Lina, and one for Natalia. Of course I then always buy a few more (he's a smart business man). Other than that, her day is pretty much filled with the things kids do back in the USA or Canada – taking care of her baby dolls, dressing up with her older sister as they play house or pretend to go to the beach (...ok that part is more Caribbean ☺). Then a little time spent to help in the kitchen, cooking is her favourite, then right back to the important job of playing! Oh, to be 3 again! ~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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