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Pastors in Santiago, Chile, at the opening of a new mercy center for those with disabilities

### REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Chile FORO
- Opening of Bethesda Centre in Chile
- Czech Republic – Luther Academy
- Regional Director meetings

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS

- WELCOME to Pastor Jonathan and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann, new missionaries who arrived in Santiago on May 23
- Hooray for James Krey and the Naumanns who received the “green light” to go to the mission field, fundraising goals have been met!



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## Welcome Baby Azariah!

Our biggest news for the month of May is the birth of our little boy, Azariah Rudolf Albert Krey. Little Azariah was born on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, then was reborn two days later into the Christian family, being baptized by his grandfather, Pastor Paul Pollex. Rebecca and the children are staying with Ted’s mother in Windsor, Canada, while all the necessary documents are obtained so that little Azariah can return to the Dominican with the Kreys. As a reminder, the names of the children from oldest to youngest are Esther, Matthias, Natalia, Evangeline and Azariah. Please pray for Rebecca’s continued recovery, Azariah’s growth, and a safe return of the whole family to the Dominican Republic the first week of July.



First new family photo! Baptismal Day, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Celebrations in Chile

In Santiago, Chile, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, the church celebrated the opening of a school for children with disabilities named Casa Betesda (Bethesda Home). The ceremony began with a choir consisting of youth with disabilities singing Chilean and Colombian folklore music, followed by the scriptural reading of the pool of Bethesda whereby an angel would stir up the waters of Bethesda and heal the first who entered there. The pastors then dedicated the school in the name of the Triune God followed by a processional into the church with a Divine service also celebrating 10 years of the Lord and His gifts amongst them. This was followed by speeches and a delightful lunch. Thanks be to God for His mercy even to the least of these!



Church musicians



Celebrating the new Casa Betesda and 10 years of ministry in Chile

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Ongoing preparations and logistics for the new seminary in the Dominican Republic, set to open in August 2017
- Idjon Fritz and Yban Navarro as they finish their final courses in preparation for ordination
- All those newly baptized and those studying in catechism classes throughout the region

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Birth and Baptism of baby Azariah Krey!
- Funds raised to send James Krey and the Naumanns to serve as missionaries in Latin America
- Our many supporters and encouragers



## MISSIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In May, Ted was able to join the seminary faculty who is busily working to bring together the start of an academic year this August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Thus far, the professors include Pastor Sergio Maita, Pastor David Preus, Pastor Sergio Fritzler, Pastor Roberto Bustamante and newly arrived Pastor Jonathan Naumann. We also received the good news that the construction of our mercy center and seminary is complete. Projects such as the parking lots, playground, and staircase up the hill remain, as well as furnishings, but the building itself is ready for dedication in August. A virtual meeting also took place

between prospective students and faculty in which the curriculum was laid out and 13 students confirmed their presence at the start of the new academic year. We give thanks to our Lord for He does all things well.



How we do our seminary meetings! "Zoom" Conference with 16+ participants, 7 countries

### A note from home –

It's a boy!!!! Introducing baby Azariah Rudolf Albert Krey. The wait is over! In the wee hours of May 5<sup>th</sup> we welcomed our little one into the world. Thank you all for your many prayers and notes of encouragement.

Azariah is the Hebrew name for Abednego, one of the three men thrown into the fiery furnace in the book of Daniel. With Azariah being a bit of an unusual name, it has been mispronounced at times, but on a positive side his name has also led to a lot of interesting conversations with nursing students, neighbours, and random strangers who want to know where his name comes from. At the library yesterday one lady commented, "That's a Jesus name!" ☺ We pray that little Azariah will be a faithful Christian, ready to confess his faith to all those he meets.

~Becca



Azariah ("The Lord has helped")  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 2:31pm  
9lb 13oz, 21"

Thanks be to God!

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

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



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