

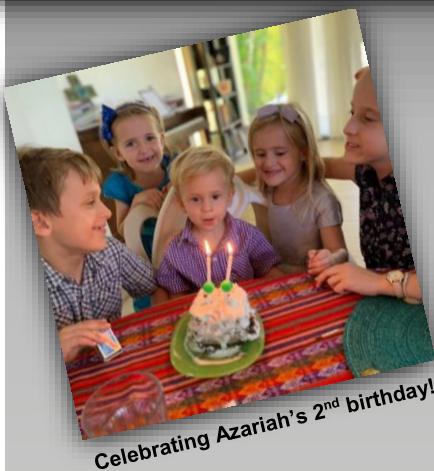


June 2019

SERVING THE LORD IN

# Latin America and the Caribbean

## NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY



Celebrating Azariah's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday!

### REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Seminary completes second year
- Four new missionaries to Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico
- Luther Academy has taught more than 60 continuing education classes to pastors in 8 countries in the past 6 years

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS

- One Dominican vicar graduated and is to be ordained in September as our third pastor
- A new Dominican student is entering the seminary in August
- Our church in Pueblo Nuevo has a new locale



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### Seminary Update



In May, Concordia Seminary, the Reformer, finished its second year of classes. Eight men graduated and five were sent out as vicars. The week began with our second theological symposium and Mercy conference, with pastors, presidents from Lutheran church bodies, and seminary and bible institute directors from 19 different countries participating. On one evening, Rebecca and I had all 80 people over for a barbecue. It was a blast. James Krey and crew cooked all afternoon in preparation. Many conversations were had on how we might as the mission arm of the LCMS might continue to serve our partner churches in the areas of Luther Academy, VDMA (electronic library for pastors), Mercy Center, and pastoral and diaconal formation. New

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Graduating class 2019:

Osmel Soliz, Bolivia  
Benjamín Flores, Bolivia  
Obed Coronado, Venezuela  
Ybán Navarro, Dom Rep  
Isaac Machado, Venezuela  
Samuel Calero, Bolivia  
Omar Garza, Mexico  
Samuel Pérez, Mexico

countries in attendance for the first time included Peru, Cuba and Costa Rica.

Lord-willing, our incoming class will have 8-10 new residential seminarians in August. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.



Our grilling team for the big bbq: Grant Manor, James Krey, Matthias

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- All our missionaries and their families
- Vacations and home service for our missionaries
- Our Regional Team

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Birth of a new baby to Gauthier family in Panama
- Thankfulness that the Rickmans have their temporary visas in Panama
- Mexico FORO with more pastors and churches
- Our FORO in Chile with new churches
- Our FORO in Spain with a new pastor coming in the fall



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](http://lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

## OTHER NEWS

With our seminarians learning to be evangelists and making weekly visits, the mission in Licey has grown since August of this past year from having an average attendance of 15 to almost 55.

Additionally, the Lord is opening work in two additional neighboring towns of Villa Dura and Calle Ciega.

Vicar Yban Navarro just graduated from his studies and Lord-willing is to be ordained the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September. With two pastors in Licey, we hope that this next year will be a year of sustained growth. Currently, there are catechism classes every Sunday for the youth and adults, and 7 new members were confirmed on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the church continues to care for children with disabilities. It is a blessing



Vicar Yban Navarro, Eddy, Pastor Sergio Fritzler, Marlene (Eddy's wife)

to see how the Lord is faithful in calling many to hear the Good News.

Eddy, who has been an electrician for 10 years to all of us missionaries, had a mishap. He was working on the roof of the group home and fell off. He broke both of his feet. A number of pastors and missionaries visited. Eddy is now a member of the church, and his wife and his children are coming as well. Praise God who does all things well.

### A note from home -

We are thankful to have completed another year of school. Good bye early morning oatmeal breakfasts, homework and uniforms! Esther finished Grade 4, Matthias, Grade 3, and Natalia, Grade 1, her first full year at the all-spanish school. I learned some new things also, a little more about the first inhabitants of the Island, the Taino Indians, some more about the many French, Haitian, Spanish battles, scientific vocabulary in spanish, etc. One of the best parts of the year was that Natalia had the company of 2 daughters of our seminarians in class with her: Kaory from Peru and Amanda from Chile. We will miss them a ton next year. Happy summer holidays to all! ~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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