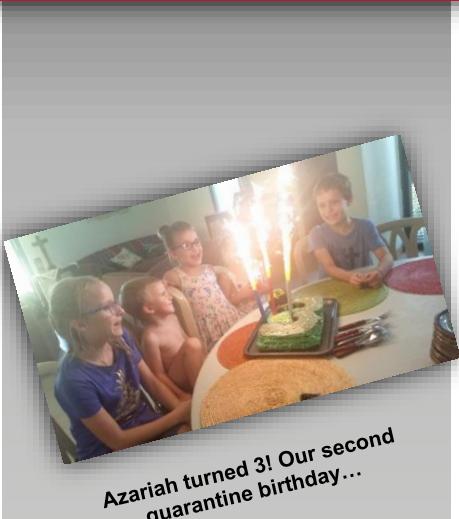




Latin America and the Caribbean

NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

May/June 2020



REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *On-line learning continued at Concordia the Reformer Seminary, via intensive courses offered in May*
- *Third Annual Theological Symposium was held by Concordia the Reformer Seminary, of course, on-line*
- *May 15th marked the arrival of the newest missionary on the field, baby Joseph DiLiberto!*
- *Virtual FOROs, gatherings of mission supporters, have taken place for the ongoing work in Uruguay, Spain, and Jamaica*



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Update from Latin America



On-line intensive offered by Concordia the Reformer Seminary, Dom Rep., reached a crowd from 15 different countries

This May, Ted taught an intensive on Theology of Mercy for a group of pastors, deaconesses and seminarians. The class was a requirement for seminarians, continuing education for pastors in the Latin American Region, and an optional course for deaconess students. Over 80 students participated in the three hour a day, two-week class. We covered such topics as Christian hospitality, vocation, mercy houses, deaconesses, and baptism and the Lord's Supper as being sacraments that forgive us our sins and move us to love and serve our neighbors in their need. Four church presidents and 4 different bible institute directors participated. Students tuned in from 15 different countries. There was even a Spanish-speaking pastor from Switzerland in the class. What a privilege to do this!

Thanks be to God, all our churches in the Dominican Republic reopened

on June 7th. Across the region, South America and Mexico continue to be hard with the virus at this point. We give thanks for all our missionary pastors who have worked to send daily devotions to their people via cellular means and broadcast services through Facebook. This has allowed us to cast the Gospel seed even further afield. We pray that the Lord would continue to use these means to yet reach many more for our Lord and His church and that we would have the strength to follow through for the sake of those who sit in darkness.

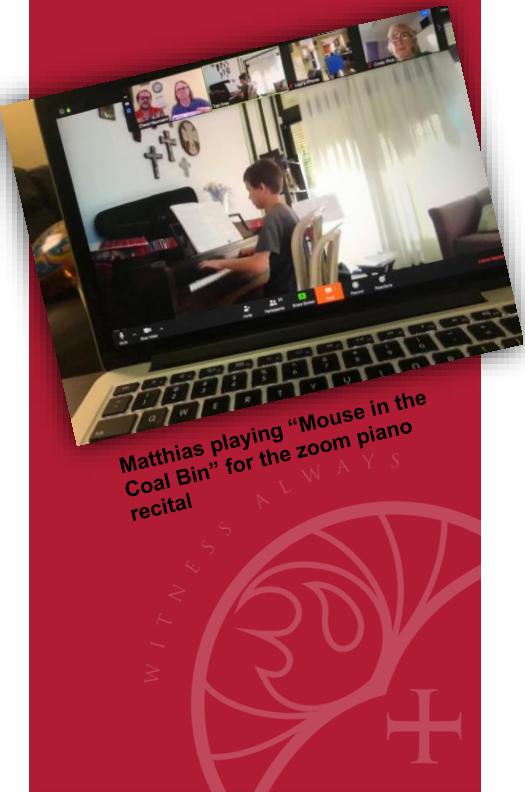


PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- All our missionaries in the Latin American and Caribbean region, and Spain, and their families
- All those affected by Covid-19, those without work, those suffering from anxiety, those who have lost loved ones

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The completion of the 3rd year of studies at Concordia Seminary, Dominican Republic
- Rev. Brian Gauthier, Amanda, and their family who served as missionaries for 4 years in Panama, and are now transitioning to Seward, NB
- Kayla Hoems, completed 3 years of serving as a volunteer in Spain



OTHER NEWS - FIRST VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM FOR SEMINARY

Concordia Seminary had planned its 3rd symposium for May 2020, bringing church presidents and missionaries together from 19 countries. Instead, due to the pandemic, we held our first ever virtual symposia on Responding to Disaster in times of a Pandemic. 200 participants heard lectures for four consecutive evenings. Perhaps one of the highlights was hearing one of our professors expound upon a letter written by Luther during the plague, telling a pastor, *Domini sumus*, meaning, "we belong to the Lord" and a play on words, "we are lords". What comfort to think that

whatever might come, the Lord Jesus has hold of us in life and in death. Then too, it is great comfort to know that our Lord Jesus has made us through His death and resurrection to be over all things, but in love subject one to another. We give thanks to our Lord for the conclusion of our third year of seminary studies and that we were able to complete all of our pastoral classes on-line even though so much around us was shut down. To think, last year, we had almost no internet and this year did the end of the year on-line. He does all things well!

A note from home –

With the on-going quarantine, we have celebrated many firsts, and quite frankly some of them are tremendous blessings! One Saturday, I invited my piano students, which includes our children and a bunch of the missionary children, to participate in our first virtual on-line piano recital. Grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins, as well as fellow missionaries, were able to participate from both the States and Canada. It was fun to be in each other's living-rooms and enjoy a moment of music together. We give thanks to God for the gift of music and for these young musicians learning to use their talents in service to others and in glory to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

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

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



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