# Latin America and the Caribbean NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY



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### REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- LCMS missionaries on the move! Jamielynn Tinkey, Jana Inglehart and Deaconess Jaqueline & Rev. Cullen Duke arrive in Santiago for missionary training
- Gauthier family finally arrive at their final destination – Panama
- Regional Team holds annual meeting

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Visiting students from Concordia Mequon (photo above) learn about missions
- Construction continues in Palmar at seminary
- Pastoral visitor Rev. Martin Teigen makes his rounds, visiting with all missionary families



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# **Regional Team Gathers in Santiago**



Left to right: Rev. Ed & Deaconess Cherie Auger, Bill Lohmeyer, Blake Warren, Rev. Martin Teigen, Rev. Ted Krey, Rev. Herb Burch, Deaconess Christel & Vicar James Neuendorf, Rev. Charles St-Onge

Our regional missionary leaders converged from 4 different countries for our yearly meeting in the Dominican Republic. The first two days were dedicated to the study of the Word and receiving a workshop from Ambassadors of Reconciliation. Each day began with Matins or Morning Prayer and a sermon from one of the visiting pastors. The final two days were spent discussing ongoing challenges. Trends throughout Latin

America were identified as smaller families, accelerated urbanization, personal security and Pentecostalism. Borrowing biblical imagery for the church as a building, our work was identified as being that of strengthening the building and also expanding it through the teaching of the Gospel. We give thanks for the faithfulness and service of each of our missionary leaders and pray that the Lord would prosper our plans.

#### A special request:

Please consider prayerfully supporting the Naumanns who have been called to deploy to the Dominican Republic. Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann has been called to be a chaplain to our missionaries as well as a professor in our seminary. Deaconess Cheryl Naumann has been called to serve our women in our regional deaconess program with the purpose of establishing workshops and vocationally preparing our women in their respective areas of service in 5 different countries. Currently, they have a matching grant of \$20,000 that for every dollar received, an additional will be given towards their support. Please check out their giving page at: www.lcms.org/jonathan.naumann



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Continued work on the construction of Seminary in Palmar Arriba
- New missionaries training on-site in Santiago, DR
- New missionaries: Naumanns and James Krev as they seek funding to come to the field
- New missionaries who received calls at the end of January
- All those studying in catechism classes throughout the region
- Rebecca's pregnancy, now at 26 weeks!

#### **GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- Good health
- Our many supporters and encouragers



#### MISSIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Our blessings overflow with the arrival of new missionaries! Five missionaries and families have arrived and will be in the Dominican for the next 4 months as they go through our orientation training. How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News of Good things! Our challenge is to be able to strengthen them as learners, teachers, in worship, devotions, mentoring and language. Challenges abound! Together with you, our prayer is that these new folks might adapt well to a new language and culture and be able to speak Christ and Him crucified to a

people that do not yet know Him. Thank you for your faithfulness in sending these new missionaries. Thank you in Jesus' Name for your continued prayers and support for us as well!



## A note from home -

Well, holidays are over and we are back into the swing of school days once again. Esther and Tias leave the house at 7:30am to go to a local school, in Grade 2 and Grade 1, respectively. Thankfully, their day ends at 1:20pm. For Natalia and Evangeline, their favourite day of the week is Thursday, when we cross the street to meet at the regional office with other missionary kids for a Preschool run by Lizz Warren, wife of the Regional Business manager, and an experienced preschool teacher! With about 8 missionary kids in Santiago under age 5, we are so blessed to have her skills and creativity on the field. Last week we were studying about our brains, and played a fun game of "Brain Says...."



Would you consider supporting us in our continued service on the missionary field? We just celebrated our 8th year in the Dominican Republic on January 19th and Ted is now in his 17th year of missionary service. Ted continues to oversee missionaries deployed in church planting in 10 countries and works with partner churches in strengthening them in their ministry in an additional 12 countries.

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

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



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at <u>lcms.org/service</u>. Click on 'Service Opportunities.'

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