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NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

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Confirmation Day for Natalia, Feb. 16
(photo J. Inglehart)

March Highlights



Volleyball players (note the Luther seal on their uniforms) listen to an evening devotion after practice

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Praise God for the arrival of: **Pastor Jason Groth**, who is currently in orientation in Santiago, and going to serve as a church planter in Belize.
- **Vicar Joshua Wareham** serving in Santiago.
- **Vicar Paul Mroczenski** who recently deployed with his family to serve in Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- We also look forward to the arrival in April of **Abby Young**, who will be a music teacher, and **Aaron Reith**, who will be a technology administrator.
- We give thanks for the acceptance of the call to Rev. Sergio Maita to serve in Puerto Rico. After serving 10 years in the Dominican Republic, he will be a church planter there and adjunct seminary professor.



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Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission FORO

March 7-9, 12 FORO partners came together in Santo Domingo to hear about the growth of the Word of the Lord in the Dominican Republic. Our emphasis was on highlighting youth and music. One of our members, Victor, presented his volleyball academy, which has started three different academies in Santiago. In each of them, Victor has invited our pastors to regularly come, pray, hold devotions, and invite the youth and their parents to church. Victor also accompanied Pastor Lucas Elberhardt at Friends of Jesus Lutheran church in Las Americas in reorganizing their volleyball academy and adding a trainer, freeing up the time of the pastor to work more with the youth in bringing them the Gospel. We pray that our

seminarians and pastors would be able to even more actively intersect with these academies so that the Gospel might be brought to those who do not know of our Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. We also give thanks to Victor and his wife, Arelis, for their faithfulness in being good witnesses of Jesus and for opening their academies to our evangelistic efforts.

Conclusion of Deaconess Course on Luke/Acts

Ted, Deaconess Tirzah Krey and Pastor Ross Shaver recently concluded teaching the second of three deaconess classes this seminary year. This class included deaconesses in continuing education as well as current students. The third and final class of the year begins after Easter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our area facilitators: **Rev. James Sharp** on his move to Puerto Rico. **Rev. Arthur Rickman** on his home service over the next few months. **Rev. Herb Burch** on their expanding mission work in Belize.
- Prayers for our 45 church plants that LAC is supporting across 10 countries and for strength and the Lord's angels to protect our pastors, teachers, missionaries, and their families.
- The conclusion of deaconess classes in 9 countries with women graduating from each of those places from May through to October.
- Rev. Idjon Fritz and Beatrice who are separated at this time working on immigration to the US, with him in the US and she still in the Dominican Republic. Pastor Idjon was the former pastor serving in Palmar Arriba.



Matthias teaching guitar classes in Cienfuegos

OTHER NEWS...

Ted is in the midst of FORO season, receiving reports from missionaries on their church planting efforts. The following is a brief update.

Panama- The Lord is blessing the preaching of the Gospel throughout Panama especially in Balboa, El Redentor and Los Andes in Panama City. We rejoice at the opening of a new church in La Chorrera, outside of the capital.

Cuba- We held our first FORO in support of Cuba since we began our work there in 2019. Currently, we support two missions and have three pastors, 1 deaconess, and 5 women beginning studies in September and, Lord willing, 1 more man joining the seminary in September to study.

Venezuela- Despite severe challenges in the country, a plan is being written to identify church planting opportunities and the preparation of pastors and deaconesses in evangelistic opportunities. We give thanks for their steadfastness amongst many challenges.

KREY FAMILY UPDATE

On Sunday mornings, we get up early to go to church in Palmar Arriba at 8am and then race across the city to Pueblo Nuevo for their 10am service. We primarily attend two services every Sunday so that the children can assist with the music for the Divine Service. Esther, Natalia, and Evangeline regularly play the violin, while Matthias plays the guitar. Esther also assists on the piano, and her sisters can be seen playing the cuatro (a Venezuelan four-stringed instrument resembling the ukulele) as well.

On Tuesday afternoons, Matthias accompanies Rebecca on her trip to the seminary in Palmar Arriba where she teaches a choral class, and music theory to the seminarians, and then has a few other piano students from the church there. Matthias teaches guitar to the seminarians and participates in the choir. This is their second year supporting music studies at the seminary.

On Fridays, Esther and Matthias go to Licy and assist Pastor Navarro in playing for 2 chapel services at the school. Matthias then teaches 8 youth the guitar and Esther directs choir for a group of 10 middle school girls.

Matthias just added another guitar class to his list – Saturday afternoon at the mission in Cienfuegos.

We praise God for the gift of music and a fun way for us to support the church here as a family!

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

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



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