



Latin America and the Caribbean

NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

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Notes from the Dominican



Rev. Ted Krey with 4 deaconess graduates at the May 23rd Graduation Day at Concordia Seminary, The Reformer, Dominican Republic.

Ted, Deaconess Tirzah Krey, and Pastor Ross Shaver recently concluded teaching the third of three deaconess classes this seminary year. This class included a Mexican and Bolivian who are wives of our seminarians, two Dominicans, and Pastor Elberhardt's wife, Agatha. We celebrated the graduation of four of these ladies this month!

Concordia Lutheran school in Palmar is nearing the end of the school year with a former Dominican deaconess graduate, Mercedes Gil, leading as principal. Thanks to her effective leadership and her 45 years of teaching experience, the school, which serves 60 children from preschool to grade 3, has been accredited. On top of her work as principal, Mercedes also brings a dozen children to Sunday school and a friend or two to church on

Sunday. Pastor Shaver and the seminarians regularly visit her neighborhood, as she always has someone else she wants the pastors to meet and tell about Jesus. We give thanks for selfless Christians like Mercedes who inspire us missionaries in our work.

This month also we were blessed to celebrate the wedding of two missionary children, Martin Fritzler and Hannah Lehman, in Licey. Ted officiated, Rev. Fritzler preached, Rev. Lehman celebrated the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Navarro, our Dominican pastor, led the liturgy. The service was at the beginning of the Divine Service. We are delighted that the Lord has put these two young people together and pray that He will bless their continued college studies, married life, and ongoing life in Christ.



Groth Family en route to serve in Belize

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Praise God for the safe arrival of Pastor Jason Groth and family to Belize, where he will serve as an evangelistic church planter.
- We are thankful for the start of Vicar Joshua Warham's service in Santiago, and for Vicar Paul Mroczewski serving in Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- We thank God for the approval of visas for Rev. Sergio Maita and his family for him to serve in Puerto Rico. He has served 10 years now in the Dominican Republic and will be a church planter and adjunct seminary professor there. We pray for their transition over the next few months. They will be missed.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *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, and their families.*
- *Our area facilitators - Rev. James Sharp in Puerto Rico, Rev. Arthur Rickman on his home service, and Rev. Herb Burch in Belize.*
- *The women who have recently graduated from the deaconess program in Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. This month, 4 graduated in the Dominican Republic also.*
- *Rev. Idjon Fritz and Beatriz who are separated due to immigration challenges, with him in the US and she still in the Dominican Republic.*
- *Our new missionaries, Abby and Aaron, as they begin language training.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Rev. Jonathan Anderson who was called to serve as an evangelistic church planter in Panama and will be ordained the beginning of June.*
- *Also, Gavin Johnson was called to serve his vicarage in the Dominican Republic. Thanks be to God for more workers for the fields!*

...AND AROUND THE REGION

Ted is in the midst of FORO season, receiving reports from missionaries on their church planting efforts:

Mexico: The Lord is blessing the preaching of the Gospel throughout Mexico especially in Mexico City where it was reported that 7 confirmations took place at Easter. A second congregation, Buen Pastor, has restarted from none and regularly has 25-30 now attending. A third location, San Pablo II, is on the outskirts of the city. It is a new mission start, meeting in a member's home. Pastor Neftali Garcia and Missionary Pastor Walduino Littig Jr. serve these parishes.

Colombia: Ted and Rev. Sergio Fritzler took an exploratory trip to Colombia. They arrived in Bogota, traveled 8 hours to Yopal, where temperatures were 40 degrees the next day, and visited a house church service in the evening. Another ride through the mountains to the mountaintop city of Tunja (9127 feet) ensued, followed by a delightful visit to a second house church. In the afternoon, both interviewed four men, all currently busy with university studies, interested in serving in the ministry in the future.

KREY FAMILY UPDATE

This summer will be busy with several visits and presentations; the following is shared in the hope that we can catch up with some of you:

June 17, Trinity, Denver, CO
June 20, St. Paul, Bremen, IN
June 21, Immanuel, Marshfield, WI
June 22, St. Paul, Oconomowoc, WI
June 23/24, Trinity, Davenport, IA
June 26-28, LWML, Omaha, NE
June 29, St. Paul, Council Bluff, IA
June 29, 3pm, Mission Central, IA
July 2, St. Paul, Havre, MT and Zion, Chinook, MT
July 6, St. Paul, Wenatchee, WA
July 13, Messiah, Seattle, WA



House church in Tunja, Colombia

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

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



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