



Latin America and the Caribbean

NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

MARCH 2026



Family hike to Salto El Limón, one of the highest waterfalls in the DR (130 ft)

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *We are in FORO season! FOROs were also held in Panama, Puerto Rico, and Belize this month.*
- *At the Panama Foro, the newly renovated sanctuary was dedicated, and 4 baptisms celebrated.*
- *Praise God for the new missionaries that will be arriving to serve in Honduras, DR, and Peru.*
- *Safe Harbour Lutheran Church, Cayman Islands, celebrates 25-year anniversary.*
- *Rev. Gerald and Heidi Paul relocate from Cayman Islands to serve the mission in Lima, Peru.*



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Dominican Republic Foro Meeting

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Our Dominican partnership meeting, held during the first weekend of March, continued our 20th year celebration of missionary work in the Dominican Republic. Ted led a presentation to our dozen-plus partners, missionaries, and Dominican leaders, highlighting our history and giving thanks for the eight missions, the Lutheran school, the foundation for people with disabilities, the regional seminary, and the emerging Dominican leadership.

On Friday, the partners enjoyed a tour of the Fuente cigar factory, which included an introduction to how the Taino greeted Columbus with tobacco and to how this was taken to Europe.

We also looked at the importance of throwing the Gospel seed out so that many might hear and purposely bringing those who hear the Gospel into proximity to the planting of Lutheran missions.

We rejoiced to hear of the outreach efforts through our partnership with the Chamos volleyball league, where our pastors and missionaries are reaching hundreds of young people with the Gospel.

A CTSFW team of seminarians and deaconess students, led by Rev. Dr. Geoff Boyle and Susan Knowles, an old family friend and now director of the deaconess program, came over together with the FORO team for a barbecue at the Kreys, where over 60 people enjoyed good Christian fellowship and learning together about the LCMS mission through conversation with missionaries.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *New missionaries Daniel and Marie Lowitz arriving in Santiago, DR.*
- *Makia Alder as she moves to her post in Belize where she will serve as a volunteer coordinator.*
- *Pastor Jonathan Anderson as he prepares to move to Panama.*
- *Pastor Ekong and his family as they await their visas to serve in Jamaica.*
- *Pastor Cristiano Mendez as he deliberates a call to serve in Santo Domingo.*
- *The men expected to graduate from the seminary this coming May 2026. Pray that the Lord would have places for each of these men to serve.*
- *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.*
- *Prayers for Robin Wildauer as she undergoes cancer treatment.*
- *Prayers for the health of Rebecca's father, Rev. Paul Pollex, and Ted's mother, Joan Krey.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *New missionaries accepting calls: Phillips, Doebber, Tiago, Betts*
- *The faithful service of Erin MacKenzie (8 years on the field) and Vicar Josh Wareham, prayers also for their upcoming wedding this October!*

BELIZE FORO

Ted traveled to Belize with Matthias, who was celebrating a 15th birthday trip with his father. Prior to the FORO, they enjoyed a day snorkeling on the second-largest barrier reef, off Caye Caulker island. A world of undersea life came together in which they saw hammerhead sharks, stingrays, barracuda, and schools of multi-colored fish all through their snorkeling masks. Matthias then went to stay with Markie Burch, a long-time tutor of Matthias and gardener extraordinaire who, over the years, has taught Matthias and our children about the natural sciences. He was very excited to learn from her firsthand, and together they visited the Belizean zoo, a butterfly sanctuary, among many other fun activities. Ted attended the Belize FORO (partnership meeting) in Orange Walk, in northern Belize, where there is a church plant, with missionaries and partners, and Rev. Roldan Rios, our only Belizean pastor, and church planter in this area. He took Ted and the missionaries on Sunday afternoon to two other sites where sanctuaries are built, but no mission has been started. After touring these sites, it was agreed to meet to plan for the sending of a missionary who can assist us in planting two new Lutheran churches in these communities.

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

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



LENTEN HYMN FEST

This year represents our 3rd year of promoting music in our missions by holding our Lenten/Easter hymn festival. In both Santiago on March 22nd, and Santo Domingo, on March 28th, the seminary choir, directed by Rebecca, came and sang, and local musicians and congregations also prepared hymns to share. Together we gathered to hear the passion story and hymns sung, and a short homily by Vicar Gavin Johnson (in Santiago) and Pastor Lucas Elberhardt (in Santo Domingo). All the Krey children participated by playing violin, guitar, and singing in choirs. Esther's two violin students performed for the first time, and also Matthias' guitar students from the seminary took part. It was delightful to see so many gathered together in song!



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