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NEWS FROM THE KREY FAMILY

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Deaconess Cheryl and Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann – concluded missionary service in June

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *Pastor Ekong and his family arrived in June to serve in Jamaica – Praise God!*
- *Summer short term teams arrived in June and July to serve in the Dominican Republic and Belize with English camps, school renovations, and for mission education.*
- *LCMS LAC Missionaries gathered in Wittenberg to learn of our German Lutheran beginnings, for the annual summer conference during the first week of August.*
- *ICEL, our Bolivian friends, were declared to be in fellowship with the LCMS in convention in July!*



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National Youth Encounter

On June 6-7, we held our 4th National Youth Encounter, with the theme: “Living the Faith: The Catechism for Daily Life”. Eighty youth met in the cooler mountains of Jarabacoa and were led by their pastors in bible studies on Identity in Christ, focusing on the right use of social media, and remembering our baptismal identity as children of God. Fun was had too, with the youth participating in tug-of-war, water games, and group activities. The youth also had a contest on the Small Catechism and their memorization and knowledge of it based on the 400-plus questions from the old Schwann Catechism. Of course, there was good worship with matins and vespers, and many parents and friends came for the Divine service on Sunday afternoon, with the music being led by a dozen of our youth. Ten of the youth present this weekend had been confirmed only a few weeks before. This coming year, we are looking forward to raising up more young musicians in our missions and holding regular youth meetings throughout the year.

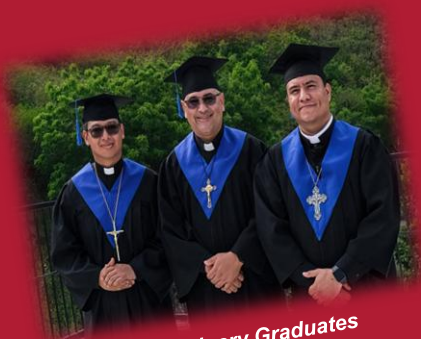
May = Parties, parties, parties

In May, we hosted the seminarians, faculty, and their families at our home, for the last session of our mercy workshop on marriage which we have been studying monthly this school year.

Later that week, we were privileged to host 80 participants for a barbecue, including church planting pastors from 22 countries who were in Santiago for the Seminary’s annual Symposium/Graduation.

The next week, we had around 80 church members and missionaries together at our place as we said goodbye to Tirzah as she concluded 6 years of missionary service in the Dom. Rep. and, also, to congratulate her on her upcoming marriage to vicar Joseph Musolino (which took place in July in Canada). She will continue serving remotely for one more year as a new deaconess, Kate Phillips, prepares to arrive on the field to take her place.

We give thanks to our Lord Jesus for the gift of fellowship with Him being at the center and the tie that binds us one to another.



2026 Seminary Graduates

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- New missionaries arriving in Santiago for orientation
- Our 2026 seminary graduates: Jesús Barcelo, as he returns to serve in Venezuela, Kairo Juarez, to serve in Guatemala, and Oscar Saavedra, serving now in Mexico.
- 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 Agatha, expecting a baby girl in Oct.
- Prayers for the health of Rebecca's father, Rev. Paul Pollex.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Pastor Cristiano Mendez, who accepted the call to serve in Santo Domingo.
- The birth of Isabella Belen to the Weber Family, serving in the Dom. Rep.
- The marriage of Tirzah Krey and Joseph Musolino Jr., July 18, 2006

SEMINARY SYMPOSIUM

May 25th to 29th we held our ninth symposium bringing 50 individuals from 22 countries to our Concordia Seminary. The focus of this symposium was on church planting. Ted gave a paper on the role of the laity in evangelism. Rebecca led the participants every day in singing hymns, giving the historic background on why they were written, and what motivated some of the writers. The seminary choir that she leads sang both at graduation and throughout the week. The Krey children played for matins one day and graduation as well.

During the week, several agreements were signed. Both Venezuela and Guatemala signed memorandums of agreement with our seminary, bringing the total to seven of our partner churches throughout South and Central America that now have an agreed upon route to ordination. Additionally, 10 mission fields send their men to our seminary. For the first time in perhaps 50 years, all of our partner churches have access to a regional Lutheran seminary and our mission fields too! This is a historic and important moment in the life of our church!

Preparing pastors who are evangelists, shepherd and teachers is critical to spreading the Gospel,

planting Lutheran churches and showing mercy. We give thanks to our Lord for our 50 pastoral and 150 deaconess graduates.

NEW MISSIONARIES

This June, two new families arrived on the field, for missionary orientation in Santiago, Dom. Rep.:



Pastor Iván Doeber, Carolina, Leyner and Isis, who will be serving in Honduras.



Pastor Tiago Schuambach, Bruna, Stéfany and Bernardo, who will be serving in Peru.

Both pastors will be serving as church planters, called by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil. Please keep them in your prayers as they deploy Aug. 24th.

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

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



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