

SERVING THE LORD IN

# The Dominican Republic

NEWS FROM JAMIELYNN TINKEY



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our brothers and sisters in Guatemala, after the volcano
- Missionaries throughout the world, for safety, wisdom, health, and energy
- Two short term teams coming this month to the DR
- Continued Disaster Response work in Puerto Rico
- Church and Health Care workers in Tanzania

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## Dear friends, family, and supporters,

Thank you for your continuous and faithful prayers as I continue serving in the Latin America and Caribbean Region of LCMS International Mission. The last weeks have been filled with travel, transition, reflection, hellos, goodbyes, new experiences, old routines, and lots of trust in our Lord.



Dr. David Preus with 3 students

Here in the Dominican Republic, the Seminario Concordia El Reformador finished it's first educational year! The seminary has been a full-team, all hands on deck project this year. We are so thankful for our professors, local church members, seminary students, and church partner presidents for their collaboration, dedication, and huge effort to get this new institution in motion! Praise the Lord!

In my position, I have been kept busy with transitioning mission housing, doctor's visits with missionaries, visa application requirements for incoming missionaries and seminary students, meetings, and the annual missionary conference planning! My recent trip to Tanzania (read more on page 2!) has brought some interesting new things into our region's radar, and we are looking forward to exploring these new relationships and opportunities.

July 1st marked my second year anniversary as a missionary employee with the LCMS, and I look forward to this coming year of service for Him and His Kingdom.



On the Move!  
Housing transitions = driving pickup trucks!



On a recent culture-learning trip to the capital of Santo Domingo, I had the chance to visit the ruins of the first hospital on the Island of Hispaniola (our island that contains now Haiti and the Dominican Republic). It was built in 1503 by the governor Nicholas D'Ovando of Hispaniola! We walked all along the property and I tried to imagine what it was like over 500 years ago.

# Time in Tanzania



Through of the generosity of my friends at L IMM (Lutherans in Medical Mission) and the support of my regional director and the team here in Latin America, I was able to travel in May to Tanzania and join three East Africa Missionaries and 8 US volunteers to serve alongside the Tanzanian Lutheran Church in a Mercy Medical Team (MMT). I spent three days shadowing the missionaries and learning about the “behind-the-scenes” of a MMT as well as their work throughout their region. Some of the highlights of the trip included the relationships and partnerships that are created and fostered between the missionaries, national church body, and local medical professionals. Each US volunteer was partnered alongside local practitioners, nurses, and lab techs and it was a true partnership as we served the people of Uchira and the surrounding communities.

The clinic we worked in was set up for one week on the church’s property. Patients and their families lined up early under a large tent and waiting patiently for their turn. Patients from the surrounding communities were brought into the church in groups of 20-30, heard a short gospel message from our visiting pastor and the local pastor about Jesus being the true medicine for the soul, and then had their vital signs taken. After those steps, they were welcomed by a local nurse and one of our volunteers to speak about their current health complaints and past history. After that information was taken they waited to see one of the local health practitioners. (Doctors and Medical Officers, who are equivalent to a physician assistant or nurse practitioner). These practitioners were amazing! Lots of education, compassion and care were received by each patient, with encouragement and instructions for local available follow up. Then they went for any tests that were necessary or to our small pharmacy for medication before leaving the clinic. As they left the property, seminary students and one of the East Africa DCE missionaries, Krista Young, were waiting to offer prayer over each patient as they left and invite them to join the community for worship that Sunday. Over 1300 people, and families, came through the church that week. I continue to pray for that community, her church, and her pastors and medical professionals as they continue serving.

God’s workers are at work throughout the world, sharing His mercy!

Romans 15: 4-6

In His name,

Jamielynn Tinkey



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