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Back to school for the big kids:
Esther, Natalia and Matthias
August 20th

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *Seminary gears up for third year, with new students arriving from Cuba, Bolivia, Chile, Venezuela and Guatemala*
- *Three new missionaries arriving soon to serve on the regional team, and in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico*
- *Arrival of Cindy Pine, who will be serving on the regional team as the associate business manager, check out www.lcms.org/pine*
- *James Krey moves to Puerto Rico from the Dominican Republic to now serve as a Project Manager*
- *Jamielynn Tinkey accepts new career missionary position – Regional Life Coordinator*



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Summer happenings



Latin American and Caribbean (and Spain!) missionaries gather together for the annual regional conference, under the theme “Rest in Christ”. Find all 49 missionary kids!

In Mexico, we were blessed to hear of the continued growth of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. FORO participants met in Mexico City and we had the privilege of hearing that the Martin Lutero Bible Institute has now initiated teaching classes in the four regions of the country. Additionally, two Luther Academy courses are being offered each year, as well as two deaconess courses. Two vicars have recently returned from Concordia Seminary, the Reformer, in the Dominican and are now installed. Both of our missionaries there, Pastor Dan Conrad and Pastor Andrew Schlund are heavily involved in pastoral formation as well as church planting in Mexico City. We give thanks for their faithfulness. We were especially pleased to have for the first time, Rev. Dr. Eloy Gonzalez with us representing the Texas district, amongst many other dear partners too.

At the Synod convention held this year in Tampa, Florida, Ted participated by serving on the committee of International Witness. The Office of International Mission was given an opportunity to present each day via its four regional directors. Ted led off on the Sunday, followed by Rev. Jim Krikiva of Eurasia, then Rev. Charles Ferry of Asia and finally, Rev. Gary Schulte of West Africa and Rev. Shauen Trump of East Africa. Each of these men are in front of capable and dedicated missionary teams who serve our Lord and His church in a myriad of fashions but always *Spreading the Gospel, Planting Lutheran Churches and Showing Mercy*. The convention approved all of our reports with over 98 percent show of support. We are thankful for our LCMS and her continued support of international mission efforts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- All our missionaries and their families
- Our Regional Team
- New missionaries preparing for the field

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- New missionaries
- Faithful mission supporters
- Birth of a baby girl to the Maita family in Puerto Rico
- Time for 'Rest in Christ' for all LAC missionaries at our regional conference



OTHER NEWS

Ted had the privilege of assisting in the mission of Pueblo Nuevo with Pastor Joel Fritsche on home service. The mission team with Deaconess Caitlin and seminarian Juan Carlos Ramirez led 6 new evening vesper services on six of the "I am"s of Jesus. The services were also led by Vicar Mario Sanchez, seminarian student from Spain, and daily devotions were sent to all who attended. An average of 10 new people attended our evening vesper services. We initiated "Philip's plan" as well in which he brings Nathanael to Jesus. Each member committed over the summer months to praying for one person in their family or place of work, that they



Sunday evening Bible Study in Pueblo Nuevo

might have the opportunity to hear of Jesus. We are now moving towards bible classes for the new individuals and hope to begin with the small catechism for these new folks. We give thanks to our Lord Jesus as He is the door, which He has opened through His death and resurrection, that no one can close, and He invites all to attend the banquet feast of which there is no end.

A note from home -

I think the biggest news over the summer was that I, Rebecca, headed to Puerto Rico for 7 days in August to visit my sister, Ruth, and her husband, Arturo Maita, where they serve at the Lutheran Church in Ponce. Meanwhile, Ted managed, no thrived, in caring for all 5 of our kiddos, all by his lonesome. Well, not completely on his own, as many dear missionaries friends supported him with grocery runs, babysitting while he was at Bible studies, etc. I enjoyed the tables being turned and receiving lots of Whatapp photos of the kids' adventures. Thanks be to God, during the week I was there, I was able to both support my little sister during her first birth, and also witness the baptism of baby Mikhaela on the Sunday before heading home. There is no way I will ever top that visit!! Praise God for His goodness and merciful timing for all things. ~Becca

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

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



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