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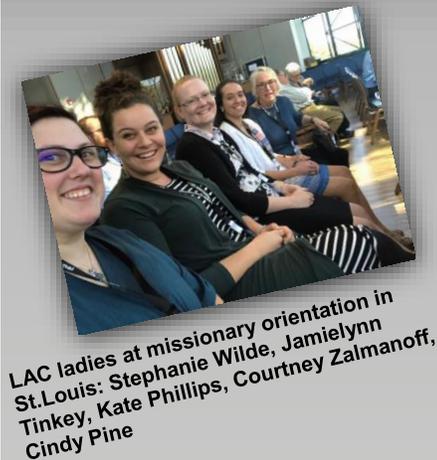
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FORO season begins



Lutheran Church in Honduras: Baptisms of three children at the congregation in La Paz



LAC ladies at missionary orientation in St. Louis: Stephanie Wilde, Jamielynn Tinkey, Kate Phillips, Courtney Zalmanoff, Cindy Pine

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Three short term, GEO, missionaries arrived for orientation in the Dominican Republic:
 - Stephanie Wilde, serving as a deaconess intern in Puerto Rico
 - Kate Phillips, serving as a deaconess intern in the Dominican Republic
 - Courtney Zalmanoff, serving as Assistant Volunteer Coordinator for the Latin American and Caribbean Region
- Parade Gardens Lutheran School opens in Jamaica
- FOROs held in Honduras, Nebraska (Jamaican FORO), Montreal and the Dominican Republic.

September saw the beginning of our FORO season. FOROs are forums where partners from across the Synod come together to focus on church planting, using their human and financial resources to do so. The church is, of course, of Christ, and He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies through His Word and sacraments. Our FOROs are left-hand kingdom work in support of our church planting pastors. A FORO was held in Honduras where our partners were involved in a head-on collision with another vehicle. Thankfully, everyone was ok, although there were some broken bones and many bumps and bruises. On that same weekend, they gathered to dedicate their first parsonage and baptize a couple of children. Lord-willing, our first Lutheran chapel will be built there over the coming year. In our Jamaica FORO, we met with partners in Nebraska and heard of the three church plants there, as

well as our first Lutheran school which opened its doors in September. Support was solicited for the continuation of that school. In Montreal, we had our first ever partnership meeting with Lutheran Church Canada, representatives from the SELK district, and the LCMS Office of International Mission. It was held at Ascension Lutheran, an English speaking congregation led by Missionary Pastor St-Onge, which was celebrating its 90th anniversary. Lord-willing, a deaconess will be added to the work there and potentially stronger ties with our dear Canadian church. Finally, at the end of September a FORO was also held in the Dominican Republic. Supporters gathered together to hear about the ongoing work with the highlight being the celebration of the ordination and installation of our third Dominican Pastor (see next page for more details).



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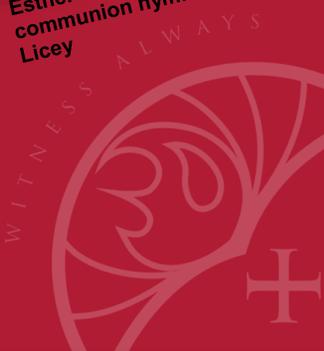
- All our missionaries in the Latin American and Caribbean region, and Spain, and their families
- Our Regional Team
- New missionaries preparing for the field

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- New missionaries arriving on the field
- Many congregations and districts across the LCMS involved and encouraging mission work
- Newly confirmed and baptized members of God's family
- New Lutheran school in Jamaica



Esther and Abby play the communion hymn at church in Licey



OTHER NEWS

In the Dominican Republic, all of our missions gathered to celebrate the ordination of our 3rd Dominican pastor, Yban Navarro. Yban has been with our mission for 10 years. For the last five he has studied theology and graduated in May 2019 from Concordia Seminary, Dom Rep. He is married to Martha and they have two teenage daughters. Over the course of the years his father, mother, father-in-law, and sister-in-law have all joined the church. Over 200 Dominican Lutherans gathered to celebrate his ordination, with 14 pastors participating. The text that Ted preached on was from 2 Corinthians 3:5-6, *“Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to*



Our Dominican pastors: In front, Yban Navarro; behind, Willy Gaspar and Idjon Fritz

claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit.” Pastor Yban Navarro serves as chaplain to our pre-school in Licey and also as pastor at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Licey. Two new missions in neighboring communities are being planted as well.

A note from home –

Greetings friends! September has been a month of getting back into the routine of things – early mornings, homework, packing lunches... Besides the back to the classroom stuff, I have been having a lot of fun with ‘back-to-piano-classes’, as I am teaching piano to 4 of our kids plus 7 other missionary kids. It is sometimes hard to teach and motivate your own children, but now that we have a daily practice chart up, and the promise of ice cream at the end of the month of steady work, it has all become much, much easier! Also motivating, was the fact that we finally found a piano tuner willing to tune our old upright. Boris, a kind gentleman who now lives in Cuba and visits the Dominican once a year to tune pianos, learned his trade from his father as he was growing up in Russia. Over two days, he spent 17 hours on our piano, regluing all of the hammers, restringing notes, tuning, fixing stuck keys. It was amazing to watch the transformation. Our first back-to-school recital was held on October 1st, and featured my newest and youngest student, Evangeline, who just turned 5 on September 27th. Azariah won’t be far behind, as he loves to fight the kids for time to sit at the piano. ~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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