



Dominican Missions



HI! I'M TIRZAH (TUR-ZUH)



I'm in the Dominican!
Soli Deo Gloria.

ARRIVAL

On February 7th I arrived in the Dominican Republic! My good friend and now "boss" Jamielynn picked me up and took the above signature picture at the airport. (All new missionaries take it with the beautiful heart!)

Upon arrival I jumped right into full time Spanish – which for me is about 17hours of in class a week. During this pandemic – thankfully all of my classes were able to be moved online. In between classes I have regional presentations to learn more about our work around Latin America.



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Top: Picture taken after church in Pueblo Nuevo.
Bottom: Musicians in Pueblo Nuevo during service.

MY NEW CITY. Welcome to the Dominican Republic! My first weekend here was eventful. I arrived late on Friday night. On Saturday I was able to attend youth group. It was a wonderful afternoon of bible study, games, and dinner! I think I said "mucho gusto" (nice to meet you) 30 times! Sunday was another eventful day spent at church; meeting members and fellow missionaries.



Photo (top): Youth Group in Licey

March means FORO time: A FORO is a partnership circle between congregations, districts and individuals from North America and specific ministries in Latin America. These entities financially and prayerfully support the churches and/or projects in the DR. FOROs are held twice a year where these partners join together in fellowship and conversation with local churches and leaders to discuss progress and goals for the future. It was great to witness my first FORO in March – it well very well.



The photo above is from Sunday School at our Lutheran church in Licey. Manuel, one of our members, explained how to make the craft to the children.

Below: some of our DR missionaries during FORO.



Ministry Update



MY NEW VOCATION. Right now, my vocation is primarily Spanish. Many times, in the past month – this has consisted of me going back to the basics. (I relearned the alphabet – this time in Spanish!) And yes... My 11 year old niece who lives here is giving me lessons. :)

Photo (L): Ashley Lehr – fellow new missionary and I, learning how to cook Dominican style food, during cultural class.



Online Spanish means sometimes – we have cute guests! This is my Spanish teacher Sandra and her very adorable cat.

Have you read my **FUN FACT FRIDAYS** on Facebook? Check them out! Last week I posted a video of me “cooking.” [hint – it involves marshmallows.]

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TirzahTales>



FUN FACT: Did you know that there are 4 LCMS Missionary nurses? **Jamielynn Tinkey** and I in the Dominican Republic. **Sarah Kanoy** in East Africa and **Stephanie Schulte** in West Africa!



Meet Matthias and Azariah (my two nephews who live in the Dominican.) They are helping me learn how to make Venezuelan style arepas. Simply made with corn flour and water – you mix it, fry it, and add whatever you like! (cheese, ham, peanut butter etc.)

Would **you like to listen** to some of our missionaries around the region talk specifically about what we are doing?

Listen to KFUCO coffee hour →

[\(https://www.kfuo.org/category/the-coffee-hour/\)](https://www.kfuo.org/category/the-coffee-hour/)

OR check out our Latin America Facebook page here →

[\(https://www.facebook.com/LCMSLAC/\)](https://www.facebook.com/LCMSLAC/)

How can you continue to support us during this time?

1. You already are! Through prayers – which are always greatly needed and appreciated. (See my new prayer requests below.)
2. Through your wonderful words of encouragement, whether it's a line on Facebook, a short email or an actual piece of mail. Each message is a wonderful reminder that **WE TOGETHER** are continuing to spread the gospel – I wouldn't be here without you!

Sometimes setting up your home office means walking down the street with your rolling desk chair after taking it from your actual office. 😊



How do **WE** continue to spread the gospel when we can't see anyone? How can we continue to help people and show mercy during this time? How can the Word of God continue to be heard?

Although we cannot see face to face – we can and do continue to meet and talk virtually, **sending hope and encouragement** through the gift of technology. Your missionaries around the region are **supporting our local communities** and providing basic necessities for those in need. (i.e. Food and hygiene kits.)

Have you seen an online church streaming (or 100)?

Here in the DR we are providing online services, bible studies, devotions, and moral boosting art sessions to not only our church members, but to all of those around our region (and the world!)

Your missionaries continue to shelter in place abiding by the laws in our various countries. Thanks be to God **all of our missionaries are currently healthy** and doing well.

SPANISH PHRASE OF THE MONTH: I am hungry
 “Yo tengo hambre” (literal translation is – I have hunger)

Photo: Courtney Zalmanoff & I walking in our neighborhood.

Life Update

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Patience as I continue to learn Spanish – now via zoom*
- *My missionary team around Latin American*
- *Please continue to pray for all of those around us who are affected by COVID-19 and their families*
- *The Sharp and Conrad families (missionaries) who have both lost their fathers in the past month*
- *Many of my dear friends who are nurses and frontline workers*
- *Myself as I transition to a new language and role here*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *My safe arrival to the Dominican*
- *The good health and safety of our missionaries around the LAC region*
- *My Spanish language that is continuing to improve*
- *The outpouring of support from our brothers and sisters around the world*
- *The faithfulness of our Lord during this time*



Photo: DR sunset. My apartment building is seen in the background.

I hope today this can be a reminder that God is always faithful. Through the joys and sorrows of life – he continues to be our guide and Shepherd. Lean on Him during this trying time dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

“The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and even forevermore.”
Psalms 121:8



Photo: Ashely Lehr and I with some beautiful flowers I bought at an open market. (I paid \$5usd!)

Life continues, which means so does the Gospel.

Life continues, despite all that our world is going through right now. You all are experiencing what I am, albeit from your home and country. A reminder that there are many rays of sunshine every day that we can be thankful for! Including the reassurance that is our Lord.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



Photo: Electricity goes out often... that means cards and popcorn via candlelight!



Photo: The kids insisted that we try Uber Eats – that means a very sophisticated dinner of McDonalds!

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<https://www.facebook.com/LCMSLAC/>

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Mission Central 40718 Highway E16, Mapleton, IA 51034
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<https://missioncentral.us/>



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