



**HI! I'M TIRZAH (TUR-ZUH)**



Hello from the sunny island of the Dominican Republic! On average these days it is in the mid 90°F. (Yes, that means lots of sweating.)

Central AC is not very common here – unless it's a big store – so I'm "slowly" getting use to the heat.

Want to learn more FUN FACTS about the Dominican? Check out my Friday segments on my Facebook page here:

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

Every Friday I post fun facts about the Dominican, myself and life in general. 😊



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## God is Love

**God is Love.** That's what 1 John 4:16 tells us. "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them." If you continue to read, 1 John 4:19, "We love because He first loved us." What a beautiful comfort we have each and every day knowing that we have our Lord and Savior who loves us unconditionally. So unconditionally that he sacrificed His Son so that one day we may join Him in eternity. Through the trials and tribulations, the joys and triumphs – God is there. Always. As we all navigate this seemingly crazy year, I continue to keep YOU, my brothers and sisters, in prayer. Remain steadfast in Christ and He will direct your paths.

### **Rejoice. Together.**

It's with great joy on June 7th brothers and sisters in all 5 of our churches in the Dominican came back together after nearly 3 months of absence. It was a day for rejoicing. We sang together. Prayed together. Worshipped our Lord and Savior. Together. It brought tears to my eyes as I looked around and was once again able to enter into His house.



Photos:

- Top Right:** Church in Pueblo Nuevo (by: C. Fritche)
- Left:** before church on June 7<sup>th</sup> (by: C. Fritche)
- Right:** Easter picture



### **Upcoming:**

- As the Dominican has entered into "phase 2," of our reopening plan, and God-willing, "phase 3" next week - we look to continue in-person services and restarting bible studies and youth group
- God-willing, by this time next month, I'll be going on visitations in our communities alongside our pastors, seminary students and deaconesses

### **Easter:**

It seems it was another lifetime ago, but in April we rejoiced in the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. My family and I walked the street singing Spanish hymns and waving palm branches. It was a wonderful, albeit different, Easter.

**SPANISH WORD** OF THE MONTH: Fox (because I think it is a cool word)

**Zorro = Fox**

# Life Update

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *patience as I continue my Spanish and culture acquisition*
- *our countries as we open up and navigate new situations*
- *our many missionaries around the region*
- *for our 3 expecting missionary mothers; and my sister who is also expecting*

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *the safety and health of our missionaries*
- *for the safe arrival of baby Joseph*
- *for the Gauthier family and their faithful service in Panama - prayers for smooth transition as they move to serve in Nebraska*

### Welcome!

A big welcome to our newest little member of our LAC team; Joseph Tion DiLiberto. Born on May 15<sup>th</sup>, youngest of 4, he is much loved by his older siblings as well as mom and dad - Pastor Anthony and Jamie DiLiberto who are missionaries in Puerto Rico.



### Spanish Acquisition:

Hola, mi nombre es Tirzah. ¿Cómo estás?  
--> Hello, my name is Tirzah, how are you? This is a phrase I've mastered (woo!) Each day of my Spanish classes brings new realization and learning. When I'm not in my virtual classroom I look for different ways to work on my Spanish. I practice with a Spanish flashcard game, watching an English movie with Spanish subtitles or reading a Spanish children's book. I am grateful for the progress I've made and continue to work hard to improve a little bit each day.

**Right:** photo of Missionary Ashley Lehr, Krey kids and me. We've been reading Cinderella in Spanish to continue our Spanish learning. The kids love it – and so do we.



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**Right:** LAC missionary ladies and children wrote out this verse:  
"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord". (Psalm 27:4)

I am continually thankful for the support and encouragement from my fellow missionaries all around our region.

**Spirit Time:** This spring we had a few fun "spirit weeks". It was great to connect and share joys with our missionaries around the region.

**Above:** "Disney Day" with Jamielynn, Stephanie, Ashley, Kate, Courtney and Erin.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](http://lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

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