

# *The Fruits of His Word*

Isaiah 55:9-11

## **Going on 10 years!**

This October I will be starting on my 10<sup>th</sup> year of missionary service in the Dominican Republic. From starting out with just two missionaries in 2005 and the name of one contact, the Lord has brought forth the fruits of His Word in the Dominican. With the addition of new missionary personnel coming on in several months, we hope to continue to build up our present congregations, missions, and mercy houses as well as expand into new work.



## **Short-term teams**

I have kept busy this year with our developmental disability ministry and non-profit organization, *Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor*. I have also been helping with the coordination of short-term mission teams. This year we received a team in June, from Faith Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NV. They did a marriage seminar for all of our congregations.



We also hosted a Medical Mercy team which held a health fair in Santo Domingo and Palmar Arriba. This October, a team from Redeemer, Peoria, IL will be helping to build a cistern at our group home. We are thankful for the work of these teams which have shown Christ's love to people in our communities.

We have many projects lined up for 2015 including construction, music camps, youth retreats, family seminars, and mercy projects with people with developmental disabilities. If your congregation is interested in sending individuals or a team down, please contact me (see contact info below).

## **Studies**

This past May I participated in commencement activities at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. I am finishing up a final independent study course in liturgics and will be officially graduated with a Master of Arts in Deaconess Studies this fall. I was blessed to be able to walk with two sisters from my missionary family, Deaconess Cherie Auger, who received a call to Nicaragua, and Katie Ziegler with whom I work in the Dominican Republic. *Also pictured, Rev. Ted Krey, Latin America Regional Director.*





My studying was intensified this year as I also have been working on finishing my Master of Arts in Christian Outreach Leadership at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. At the end of June I mailed in a 300+ page thesis portfolio. Now my collection of papers is being reviewed by a three-person committee. I will have a “critical dialog” with the committee on the portfolio in October and then make suggested changes and corrections before final submission

of my work. I am thankful for these studies as they have prepared me to better care for others in body and soul, just as Jesus cares for us in body and soul! I would appreciate your prayers as I make the final push to finish both of these degrees! *Pictured are women of our Dominican Lutheran Church who are also studying theology in their deaconess classes.*

### **Fundraising**

Missionary fundraising has been going well! I spent the months of May, June and August visiting congregations in Florida, California, Oregon, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Indiana. I spoke at the district conventions of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in North Dakota and Oregon. I was also able to visit Mission Central in Iowa! Thank you to the many congregations and individuals who received me, and who are praying for me, and supporting me! *Friends and supporters, the Kaufman’s came to me at Mission Central!*



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