

Summer UPDATES!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes • Danelle L. Putnam

God-willing, we are working on opening our first group home for 7 youth and adults with developmental disabilities this fall, keenly desiring to show them Christ's mercy in body and soul. The home will be located in Palmar Arriba, close to the church and school. At this point we are starting to work out the fine details of hours and wages for the caregivers, and furnishings for the home. Please keep this venture in your prayers, and also prayerfully consider helping to support the costs to outfit a bedroom, provide food for a month...monies can be sent to Bethesda Lutheran Communities, 600 Hoffmann Dr., Watertown, WI 53094, earmarked for the Dominican Republic, Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes-Group Home.



Lutheran School in Palmar Arriba • Pastor Ted Krey

Thanks be to God, we now are in possession of the building in which our mission in Palmar Arriba is located. This building not only includes a sanctuary, but also a whole 2 level school building! So now the



adventures begin in running a Lutheran School in Palmar Arriba and teaching our children at a foundational level, the catechism, the Scriptures and bringing them into the Lord's house! The learning curve is steep, and the challenges will be great, but we are well supported by a newly formed school commission, and the preparations are well underway. This week we have been working on painting the school, hoping to get the electricity set up, handing out fliers for inscription – which begins this Thursday, counting desks, and hunting for all of the school staff from Principal to the caretakers.

A Special Day Off • Pastor Walter Ries Jr.

Deaths, funerals and burials are not predicable. They aren't a part of the regular month's calendar, and so when they occur, all plans are dropped and time and comfort are given to those in mourning. This happened to us this past April, on a beautiful Monday morning. And it just wasn't your average funeral, it was a memorial service, 9 days after the actual death, with over 500 people attending, and was taking place an hour hike up

Special news from the mission field:

- Arrival of Vicar Adrian from Argentina at the end of July
- Inscriptions begin at the Lutheran School in Palmar Arriba
- Vicar Willy completed a course on the Lutheran Confessions I and continues in his studies as a pastor
- Group Home plans for opening in the fall of 2010 continue!



Sunday School
Children Singing!

the mountains! Yes, an hour hike. Straight up. And you thought that there weren't any mountains on the island, right?



The previous Saturday night, La Niña, the matriarch of a good part of Palmar Arriba, and with a solid Christian faith, passed away. She was in her nineties. There was a strong show of care and concern shown by the community, with over 500 people attending the service, many of whom climbed the hill the night before to be with the family, or in the earliest hours of the morning.



After death, according to Catholic tradition, the spirit roams the village until prayers are said for it. With so many of her family part of our mission in Palmar Arriba, they came to us first to see if we would help with the service, and we did. The key difference being that instead of praying for her spirit, we gave thanks to God for her life and for the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, that by His grace, she already was enjoying Heavenly mansions and was with our dear Lord.

Thank you from the Kreys to all whom we visited during our furlough this June and July. It was wonderful to be welcomed in by so many homes and churches. Thank you for your hospitality and for your love for the Lord's work here in the Dominican. We love and pray for you too!

Prayer Requests

- For Vicar Adrian who will be arriving from Argentina July 29th, prayers for his travels and for an easy adjustment as he joins us in the mission work here
- For the a music volunteer to be found to assist us in training musicians for the church
- For the plans for the first group home to open this fall
- For the Board of Directors serving Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes
- For the organization and running of the school in Palmar Arriba this fall
- For the confirmands studying across the country
- For the Amigos de Jesus clubs in Palmar Arriba and Licey
- For Pastor Walter and Ana as they travel home in August
- For Danelle as she is at home for her summer break in the States right now
- For Pastor Ted's father, as he prepares for heart surgery this August
- For health and strength for all of the Dominican Mission Team