

## Welcome Vicar Adrian Solis! • Pastor Ted Krey



Vicar Adrian Solis and Rev. Sergio Fritzler

At the end of July, we welcomed the newest member of our mission team, Vicar Adrian Solis. An Argentinian, Adrian was born and raised, along with his 5 younger siblings, in the city of Eldorado, located in the northern province of Misiones. Being from Argentina, Adrian is never found without a thermos of hot water, ready to prepare 'mate' (a strong tea-like drink), and, of course, is fluent in Spanish, a great bonus, although he admits that some of the Dominican names of people and food

are challenging for him to learn. There are also slight differences in Spanish from country to country, and region to region. For example, Dominicans do not always pronounce the ends of words and, in some regions, change the letter 'r' to an 'l'. Adrian is going to school at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where pastoral formation takes 6 years, with the vicarage being served in the 5<sup>th</sup> year. Adrian will be enjoying an extended vicarage, staying with us until January 2012. Please pray for Adrian as he adjusts to life in the Dominican away from his family and friends in Argentina.

### Special news from the mission field:

- Vicar Adrian now on the field!
- Visit of Rev. Sergio Fritzler, director of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Argentina
- Classes begin at the Lutheran Schools in Palmar Arriba and Santiago
- Group Home plans for opening in the fall of 2010 continue!
- Bible study group begins to meet in Santiago

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes • Danelle L. Putnam

We are making progress towards meeting our goal to open our first group home on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Interviews are underway to hire Christian "aunts and uncles" (caregivers) to serve in the group home and three weeks of staff training will begin the second week of September.
- Work groups from our church in Palmar Arriba have started beautifying the yard and we will soon start the addition of a handicapped accessible bathroom.
- We are thrilled that the government has verbally agreed to permit us to receive 7 children-youth that will be integrated into our church, community and Lutheran School.
- The Lord has provided 50% of our operating and staffing costs for the group home for one year. We are thankful to the congregations, individuals and LWML groups that have helped us to raise funding.
- Donations are being collected throughout the US and sent through Orphan Grain Train for the group home and for people with developmental disability here in the Dominican Republic.
- Our church members and board of directors are extremely excited about receiving new members into the group home, in the community of Palmar Arriba, and most importantly, into the Body of Christ and our church family.

Please pray that with the Lord's help and guidance we can continue to accomplish the many "to dos" on our checklist to be able to joyfully receive the youth and children with developmental disability into our "family."

## First week of school at Escuela Luterana, Palmar Arriba • Pastor Ted Krey



August 23<sup>rd</sup> saw the opening of our school in Palmar Arriba with the children lining up outside the entrance, ready to begin their school day with morning devotions at 7:45am. Later the same week, some 50 parents attended our meeting and divine service in which we installed our principal (Kissayris Gebhard), teachers, and school board members. Pastor preached on the text of the deaf mute and of his friends bringing him to be healed by Jesus. He spoke of how Jesus, through the law, grants us repentant hearts, and through the gospel, speaks words of forgiveness to open our ears to receive Him and our mouths to speak of Him. Twenty-five of the 100 children in the school are members of the church and we hope to

see that go up this year. Monthly events, such as the school children singing hymns in our divine service, are planned to expose our parents to God's word so that they might also hear and speak of our Lord in their homes.

## Baptism of Wilmer Abraham • Pastor Ted Krey

In the midst of school openings, meetings, lawyers visits, and the such of our day to day lives as missionaries, it is wonderful to be able to take a step back from the business of it all and enjoy moments of God's grace – to enjoy the quiet simplicity of how God works through His Word on the hearts of those we serve. Last Wednesday night we celebrated the baptism of little Wilmer Abraham, the newest, and youngest, member of God's family at the mission in Palmar Arriba. Late on a Wednesday evening, without any fanfare or flag-raising, lawyer's permission or government approval, God welcomed little Wilmer into His family, and gave Wilmer the most precious of all gifts - forgiveness, life, and salvation. What a wonderful God we have and serve!



### Prayer Requests

- For a music volunteer to be found to assist us in training musicians for the church
- For our continued conversations with the government, that we may reach a final agreement to open the group home in October
- For Kissayris, in her first year serving as principal in Palmar Arriba
- For the first confirmation class in Las Americas as they prepare for their confirmation day on September 12<sup>th</sup>
- For the Amigos de Jesus clubs in Palmar Arriba and Licey
- For Pastor Walter and Ana Ries as they return from vacation September 5<sup>th</sup>
- For the upcoming birth of the Kreys' second child in October
- For health and strength for all of the Dominican Mission Team
- Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Vicar Adrian Solis from Argentina
- Thanksgiving for the successful surgery of Pastor Ted Krey's father