

A thought crossed my mind this morning that maybe this year KIMA might give Commentaries to the people we support in Mexico. Depending on how many of you might be interested we could send a set to:

- Lay-pastor Jóse Reyes in Guasave. He is by himself and has not had all the formal training that others have.
- Job Jimenez in San Luis Rio Colorado. He is also by himself but has others around him who are either in training or are yet to begin.
- Rev. Isaac Garcia in Rio Bravo who has Luis Moreno, Samuel Garcia, Omar Garza, and Vicar Samuel Perez Herrera working with him and all participating in one way or the other in leading worship.
- If there are enough people interested a fourth set could be sent to Rev. Samuel Perez in Monterrey.

These sets could become like a part of a church library where they could be used by others in each community. Each of the above places also has people like Yolanda who lead Sunday School and Bible Study groups.

The cost of the 10 volumes that are currently available come to a total of \$264.90 per set. If your congregation would like to give a set of 10 to one of these areas we could or you could write an accompanying letter which we could pass on to one of these sites. If you as an organization or an individual would like to contribute towards a set or a volume please send your contribution to KIMA, 109 Noel, Waxahachie, TX 75165. We thank you for prayers and any contributions.

Blessings,

Rev. Norman R. Finke President of KIMA

P.S. If any of you would like to give a monetary gift to one of these people listed above, we would be happy to forward it to them through Pastor Isaac Garcia who handles all our financial transactions in Mexico.

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This is the second edition of this commentary, published as: *John, a Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Fourth Gospel*, now in hardcover.

by <u>Rudolph Blank</u> Rodolfo Blank, son of German immigrants, was born in 1934 in the city of Chicago. He studied theology at Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, Missouri, where he graduated in 1959 after completing her internship (vicarage) in Caracas, Venezuela in 1957-1958.

From 1959 to 1962 served as the first pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cambridge, England. In January 1963 he returned to Venezuela to serve as a missionary and educator.

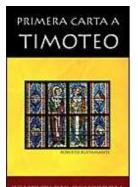
Was co-founder and first director of the Theological Institute Juan de Frías, the program that prepares pastors, deacons and lay leaders for the Lutheran Church of Venezuela. In the years 1989-1990 did postgraduate studies at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, where he graduated with MTh in Missiology. During the years 1990-91 he served as professor at the Hispanic Institute of Theology in Chicago. In 1991 he returned to Venezuela, where he served as a professor both at the Theological Institute Juan de Frías as in the Evangelical Seminary of Caracas.

Since 2007 lives in Saint Louis, Missouri where do various ministries to the Hispanic church in the U.S. In 1970, Dr. Blank was married to Ramona Rivero, the daughter of one of the first Lutheran pastors Venezuelans. They have two sons, Rodolfo and Irene, and two granddaughters.

He is the author of John, a pastoral and theological commentary on the fourth gospel, theology and mission in Latin America, and Hermeneutics, published by Concordia Publishing House.

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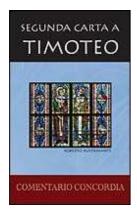
Roberto Bustamante is a pastor of the Lutheran Church of Argentina. He received his bachelors degree in Theology from Concordia Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina and his masters in Exegetical Theology from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, USA. He currently serves as professor of New Testament and coordinator of the Distance Theological Education Program at Concordia Seminary, Argentina. Since 1995 he has been the theological evaluator of two Concordia Publishing House Spanish curricula: Walking with Jesus Sunday School and the yearly vacation bible school.

Bustamante is married to Eunice Amancay Spengler with whom he has two children: Tobías and Ana Selene.

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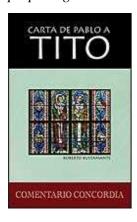


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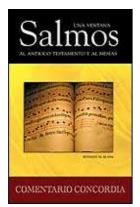
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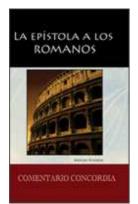


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This commentary delves into the fascinating world of the Old Testament to teach about its protagonists: their struggles, temptations, and their faith in God. Grouping the psalms into categories, the author analyses their historical background and their application to the life of Christians today. Dr. Blank makes it clear that the Psalms, apart from being an expression of the Israelites' faith, also point clearly to Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd of God's people.

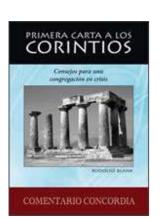
In his analysis, the author examines two modern currents of thought in the interpretation of the Psalms. The first investigates the parallels that the Psalms seem to have with sacred songs of the Israelites' neighboring tribes. These studies shed new light on many themes contained in historical books of the Old Testament:

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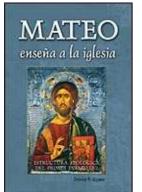
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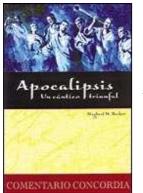
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Although scholars may differ on the precise beginnings and endings of Matthew's Five Discourses, they can be divided in this way: (1) the Sermon on the Mount,

Matt 5:1–7:28a; (2) apostolic authority and martyrdom, Matt 9:35–11:1; (3) the parables, Matt 12:46–13:53; (4) casuistry, or resolving incidental matters of church practice, Matt [17:22] 18:1–19:1; and (5) the end times, Matt 23:1–26:1. These divisions are determined by their similar conclusions—"When Jesus had finished"—and are brought together by the Gospel's conclusion: "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (28:20). Each discourse is a self-contained unit, but the meaning of each is related to and dependent on the others. No single discourse can be understood by itself without the possibility of misinterpretation.

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