



**August 2013**  
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It won't be long before summer is over with and thoughts of vacations and trips will begin to fade away as we get all caught up in our everyday routines. This was brought to light for us again yesterday as I read the following letter once again from Magdiel Fajardo. He is a student from Mexico City that we have been helping to support as he prepares for the pastoral ministry. This past year he has been out on vicarage serving at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Whiting, Indiana and at Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in south Chicago. Of course while he was on vicarage the two churches took care of his expenses.

Now he is going back to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne to finish up his Master of Divinity program. In the meantime, we had started helping two additional men in Mexico, Vicar Samuel Perez Herrera in Matamoros and Lay-pastor Samuel Garcia in Rio Rico in Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Below I want to share with you the letter we received from Magdiel and the letter we sent back in response. We felt that since we have been helping Magdiel throughout his college and seminary program the Lord would want us to continue for another year. After all, it is the Lord who lays things out like this. It's His calling, His challenge. He calls us just like He did Noah, Moses, Samuel, Jonah, David, and Isaiah. He says trust me in this, I know your fears and your needs and I will provide. So I guess each of us has to decide on how we want to answer God's challenge. Is it going to be like Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8), Samuel (1 Samuel 3:10), or Jonah (Jonah 1:3)?

**We ask that you would prayerfully consider our ministry, Magdiel's studies, and giving something toward the \$3,650.00 monthly financial support that we distribute in Mexico to two ordained pastors, four lay-ministers, one vicar, and one full time Master of Divinity student.**

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**Letter from Magdiel Fajardo**

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Whiting, Indiana.

Greeting in the name of our Lord;

I give thanks to the Lord for allowing us to teach His word and bring the bread of life to our neighbors. Gratefully I was able to complete my Vicarage.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Whiting where I did my Vicarage received a New Pastor; Pastor John Henry, he just graduated from the Seminary in Fort Wayne Ind., he has two sons, married to Laura Henry and expecting another baby. I am so glad St Paul got to move on as they begin a new chapter walking with God.

I couldn't be happier to have done my Vicarage with St. Paul and Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church (DML); in both churches we had new families attending our Service in Spanish, 2 new families in Whiting and 4 new families in Chicago.

We also started Catechism classes, for Confirmation, baptism and Church membership for our new members, and confirmation class from our First communion kids from last year.

I had the blessing of taking 6 of our new youth to our annual SELC Youth Gathering that took place in Concordia University, River Forest. Chicago. With 4 other churches from the SELC district we had about 40 kids. Our focus was number '8' the New Creation and Salvation in Christ. Pastors and Vicars gave a Devotion focused on this topic. We were delighted to have Rev. Jonathan Fisk as our Conference speaker, bringing everything together; Baptism, Salvation, Forgiveness, etc. The kids really liked it.

Our intern Deaconess Dehlia De Leon graduated from Concordia Chicago, so now is receiving a Commission at St. Paul and DML for 2013-2014. She will continue to work with ESL (English as a Second Language Classes) and implement Rebecca's Garden of Hope an after school program for kids in South Chicago Areas at DML.

My Supervisor Rev. Jacob Gaugert received a call to serve in Togo, Africa. We pray DML will be blessed with a faithful and hard worker servant as P. Jacob.

In the time being I am doing a part time job in Chicago Area with a friend who is doing his Vicarage through St. Louis Center for Hispanic Theological studies; Angel Morales works giving maintenance to couple of apartment complex and offices and homes. Before I return to seminary this will help me sustain my expenses.

Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I finish my last year at Seminary  
I am required to show proof of financial support.

So please if you are planning in helping me for the Academic Year 2013-2014. You could fill out the letter attached and send it to me or to the Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I need to present this forms in order to enroll for my classes before the end of August of 2013.

O most loving Father, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you very much for your Support.

Truly Yours,  
Magdiel Fajardo .



Confirmations, Baptism and New Members at Evangelical Lutheran Church Dr. Martin Luther



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July 31, 2013

Student Adoption Program 2013-14  
Office of Financial Aid  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
6600 North Clinton Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Re: Financial support for Magdiel Fajardo through the Student Adoption Program 2013-14.

This is to confirm that Koinoneo Independent Mission Agency (KIMA) will financially support Magdiel Fajardo with his studies during the academic year that begins in the fall of 2013 and ends in the spring of 2014.

He is pursuing a Masters in Divinity at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

KIMA is happy to provide funding in the amount of \$450.00 per month for the months of September 2013 through May 2014. With the Lord's blessings and help KIMA will be able to provide a total of \$4,050.00 to go towards helping Magdiel pursue a Masters in Divinity degree at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

Yours, in Christ,

Rev. Norman R. Finke  
Executive Director of KIMA

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