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Many thanks to Ron Scherch, Rob Krotzer, Julie Finke, Rev. Norm Finke, Rev. Mike Wakeland, and Rev. Abiut Fajardo for helping out with the booth at the Synodical Convention. We met and talked with a lot of people and handed out about 225 of our new videos, "Empty the Darkness."

An interesting by-product of this endeavor was that Rev. Abiut Fajardo got to meet with Florencia of Concordia Publishing House. She is the lady I deal with when ordering materials for the missions in Mexico. I asked her to explain to Rev. Abiut what was new and good. After a little while the two of them came to me and said that Rev. Abiut was excited about the new [Spanish curriculum for Sunday School](#). He said he would like to put it [in all of the churches of the SLM](#). I told Florencia to figure up the cost. She figured the cost on the basis of four levels for one complete year for ten churches. The cost came to around \$2700. I said she should go ahead and plan for that and that KIMA would cover the cost. Now we have to pray that the Lord would move some Sunday School, Lutheran School, congregation, Bible Class, individual, or all of the above, to take this on as a project to share Jesus Christ with the children of Mexico. Most all of these children had never seen Sunday School pamphlets especially anything from our Lutheran Church. I must admit I got excited when I heard of this and I called home to tell my wife about it. She was excited also and said I had a letter from Faith Lutheran Church in Huntsville, Texas. She asked if she should open it to see what it said. It was a check for \$498.92 to be used to help the churches in Mexico. God provided the first payment for the Sunday School material through Faith Lutheran in Huntsville, Texas. So all we need now is \$2201.08.

I talked with Rev. Abiut Fajardo about the project down at El Divino Emanuel in Guasave. Esther León de la Cruz serves this congregation as it's Deaconess. They do not have a pastor at the moment. They also do not have a parsonage for Esther or any other pastor for that matter to live in. He feels that it is very important that they provide for a parsonage. This project is in far Western Mexico. CAN-DO is willing to take it on as a project but due to the cost of transportation etc. extra funding for construction costs is necessary. The [total cost for the parsonage will be around \\$8000](#). Again, congregations, organizations, individuals, possibly matching funds from AAL or Lutheran Brotherhood, could go a long way in providing the needed funds. They just need someone to get excited about the possibility of providing a parsonage for Christ's work in Guasave.

If you are looking for additional projects to support we [sent seven people](#), six youth and Pastor Abiut Fajardo, to help out on a CAN-DO mission trip to Guasave. The idea was to [introduce the concept of being in ministry to others and to create a small cross-cultural ministry for one week](#). The trip cost us \$2700. We are also in the process of sending [three people](#), two youth and Yolanda Garcia from Rio Bravo, [to the National Youth Gathering and the Cross Cultural Gathering in New Orleans](#). Cross of Christ VBS in Desoto, Texas gave a gift of a little more than \$400 to cover the housing, and now we have to cover the cost of transportation and food for seven days. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. I would be happy to let them know personally that you were one of those who helped make this possible.