

I haven't forgotten about all of you out there. It isn't that nothing has been happening with the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. Rev. Abiut Fajardo and his wife Dori were her for five days in January. We brought their son Magdiel up from Houston where he is attending Lutheran High North for one year as a type of exchange student. We thank the people of the Houston Lutheran High School Association for that. I have been receiving gifts from many of you and hopefully I have gotten letters back to all of you thanking you for your help this past year. There is much work to be done and I will be letting you know soon as to what plans lie ahead of us. For now I share with you a summary of what has been accomplished this year through the blessings of the Lord and you His people.

The workers and congregations of Mexico are indeed thankful for all that is being done to assist them in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are a vital part of Christ's Church on earth. Even as we joyfully search to find ways of extending His kingdom here in the United States so they, an extension of that same Church, are preaching the Word, singing songs with the children, administering the Sacraments, giving aid to the poor, training additional leaders, all in the hope of Christianizing their home country. We have received gifts from over 50 different individuals, congregations, men's and women's groups, and Bible study classes. We have received close to \$80,000 that we are distributing to these workers and congregations.

- We have sent over \$6250 down to Rev. Martin Tovar for his work in Chihuahua and San Lorenzo.
- We have sent \$10,000 over to El Divino Emanuel in Guasave for a new parsonage.
- We spent \$6600 developing and distributing the "Empty the Darkness Video."
- We spent about \$900 attending and distributing brochures and videos at the Synodical convention.
- \$4190 for Sunday School material
- \$515 for English second language classes in Matamoros.
- \$3300 for youth activities in Mexico
- \$2665 for the Church Planters Institute in Mexico City
- \$24,600 was sent to the Lutheran Synod of Mexico to be distributed by the Synod to their workers as they had need.
- We have over \$15,000 set aside for the Mission in New Delhi
- We have set aside over \$7600 to be used in helping young Mexicans to come to the United States and study for the ministry.
- We have a little over \$5000 divided up amongst various projects like VBS material, future Sunday School material, partnership congregations, etc.

The Lord is blessing this work and we are thankful that you have been a part of making it possible.

Your partner in Christ,

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