

May Newsletter 2002

A Step Forward in Faith



**“Share with God’s people
who are in need.”**

Romans 12:13

My dear friends in Christ,
We just got home from spending three glorious days with all the pastors of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico in Guadalajara at a prayer retreat. The World Mission Advisory Council of the Texas District - LCMS and the Lutheran Synod of Mexico jointly sponsored the prayer retreat. There were nine pastors and two candidates from Mexico and five pastors from the United States in attendance.

I don't know how many of you know that several years ago the Texas District had entered into an agreement with the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. They agreed to work side by side supporting each other in ways that would aid in the growth of spiritual wisdom, faith, and courage as they reach out sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I would encourage you and your congregations to contact the District and see how you might get involved in this ministry.

Obviously, for most of you who are reading this newsletter, one of those ways to get involved is to continue to support the efforts of KIMA.

When we were at the Prayer retreat this past week the Lutheran Synod of Mexico thanked us, KIMA, for providing the funds for a parsonage in Guasave. We were able to provide over ten thousand dollars for this project. The building has been pretty well completed with running water, electricity, bathroom etc. There is now a need for an additional \$3000 to finish the parsonage. It needs doors and stuccoing of the interior and exterior walls. (covering the cement block with cement.) Pastor Abiut Fajardo, president of



the Synod, told us that they were in the midst of preparing a candidate, Señor Jose Reyes of Rio Bravo. He could be ready to come there in about two months. KIMA has been sending the Lutheran Synod of Mexico \$500 a month to provide for Reyes' family back in Rio Bravo as he studies in Mexico City. At present we don't have funding for this for the next two months. Pastor Abiut asked if it would be possible for us also to provide funding for the moving of Señor Reyes and his family to Guasave in late July or August.



We were also introduced to a second candidate for the lay-ministry, Señor Juan Carlos of Mexico City. When he completes his studies under Pastor Abiut he will move to Juarez and serve at Cristo Rey, Christ the King.

The Lutheran Synod of Mexico also thanked KIMA for lending them \$5000 to retain the Law firm of Bracewell & Patterson of Houston to aid them in some disputes over property. We pray for the success of this litigation.

Rev. Filiberto Jimenez thanked Faith Lutheran of Hot Springs Village for its gift of \$900. He said that they used the money to buy a lot adjacent to their property. They will be adding on to the church and building additional Sunday School rooms. They will need continued help with construction costs.

Magdiel Fajardo, son of Rev. Abiut Fajardo, has been attending Lutheran High School North in Houston. He has been there on a tourist visa. He wishes to continue his education here in the United States. In order to do so he has to obtain a student visa. We are in the process of trying to assist him in doing this. If anyone has any experience in doing this, we sure could use your help. His current visa expires in June.

Needs:

El Divino Emanuel, Guasave: Currently - \$200 a month for Esther, the Deaconess, for two additional months. \$500 a month for two more months for the financial support of the candidate's family as he completes his studies.

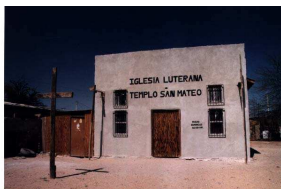


An unknown amount is needed for the moving of the candidate and his family to Guasave. \$200 a month for two additional months after that while he works

with Esther to get acquainted with the work. \$3000 to complete the parsonage. The candidate will have to find a second job in Guasave and we will continue to support him with \$200 a month over the next 5 years. Christ the King of Waxahachie is currently providing \$200 a month. Help is needed.

Administrative needs: Wiring of money, pursuing visas, Youth retreats/Youth gathering Dec. 27-29

Need for Board members



San Mateo, San Luis Rio Colorado: Additional funding for additions to church and Sunday School rooms. Currently Faith Lutheran

in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas is working with this congregation and its three missions. Help is needed. Contact Mr. Wayne Galler at Galler, Wayne at: wgaller@hsnp.com

Cristo Rey, Juarez: We will provide \$200 a month to supplement the income of the second job of the new candidate up to five years. At present we do not have anyone doing this since it was just presented to us this week.



San Pedro, Mexico City: We are providing \$250 a month to help support the president of the Synod. The income from his second job of driving a taxi is severely limited because of the

time demands placed upon him by the presidency of the Synod. At present Christ the King of Waxahachie is the only congregation that is giving regularly toward this. Help is needed.

Betania, Rio Bravo: