

June Newsletter 2002 A Step Forward in Faith



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

Romans 12:13

The Lutheran Synod of Mexico has asked us to make a commitment to help them establish two ministries. They are both new in the sense that both congregations will receive new pastors to help lead them in their ministry. Both men are presently finishing up their initial training under President Abiut Fajardo in Mexico City. In about another month both of these men and their families will be moving to their respective parishes at El Divino Emanuel in Guasave and Cristo Rey in Juarez. As is the case in many missions at the beginning stages of this ministry there is not sufficient financial support to enable these men to just work full time in ministry. These two men will begin their ministry by finding a job that will help them support their families. In order to take some of the load off of them until the congregations can get up and running, the Synod has asked us to support these men and their families at the rate of \$200 a month.

I see this as a real possibility. All we have to do is generate enough enthusiasm on the part of people, groups, and/or congregations to pool their gifts in order to cover these opportunities for ministry. We need to find enough people who would be willing to give \$5, \$10, \$20, or more dollars a month and then send it in to KIMA who in turn would relay these gifts to the treasurer of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. Pray about this. It’s kind of like last Sunday’s Gospel lesson where the Lord says, **“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”** We may not be able to go there, but the Lord is giving us an opportunity to be involved.

This past month we have been able to help support Deaconess Esther de la Cruz in Guasave, Pastor Isaac Garcia in Rio Bravo, President Abiut Fajardo in Mexico City (its kind of hard to make a living driving a taxi when you have to spend your time with the duties of being the president of the Synod), and candidate Reyes as he finishes his initial training in Mexico City. We have been able to do this because of congregations like Our Savior in McKinney and Christ the King in Waxahachie who have designated monthly funds to cover some of these people. They have in essence adopted these people and their ministries as their own. We have also been able to

gather funds from other congregations and individuals to send several people to the upcoming Hispanic Institute of Theology classes in San Antonio.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED

Thank you from Jaime Lima – Mexico City

Pastor Norman Finke.

I work as the Bible School coordinator at The Iglesia Evangélica Luterana San Pablo. In name of the congregation members, I wish to thank to you and your organization KIMA, for all Bible School material that you sent for our kids. I know that we are late with our gratitude, but in spite of this fact, I believe that never is too late for give our gratefulness to God and to you for your gift.

Teachers and our kids have been working with the new workbooks during last 6 weeks and the books have been very useful and they have been a blessing. Before we had these new workbooks, we were working with Baptist material. Starting from these Baptist books we were obligated to make frequent modifications in the contents. The current Concordia House materials are useful on the best way. Teachers only need to add the customary songs and games as a complement to the activities of the Sundays.

Anyway, our prayers are for you and for the continuity of your support to the gospel diffusion with your direct work and with your gifts.

God blesses you.

Your brother in Christ,
Jaime Lima

Thank you from Leoncio – Guadalajara

Dear Brother in Christ, I am writing you to thank you for all the material for the vacation Bible school that we are going to have in July from the 15th to the 20th. We are inviting children from all around the neighborhood and we are expecting 50 children at least, we’ll be sending you pictures so you can see the things we did. May God bless you always!!!!
Leoncio Hernández

We pray that the Lord would continue to bless you as you serve in His Kingdom.

Thank you for all that you are doing to help in God’s ministry. We certainly thank you for your continued support and we ask that you would keep these people and these projects in your prayers. You are a vital part of our ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Norman R. Finke
Acting Director of KIMA