

## A Step Forward in Faith



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

Romans 12:13

**KIMA, is a mission agency devoted to assisting churches of our sister Synod, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico and LCMS churches along the border who are reaching out to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Hispanics.**

**It is part of the mission of the Texas District to be in partnership with the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. KIMA is one of the agencies that is trying to work hand in hand with the Texas District to make this happen. We would appreciate any support and prayers that you might give us.**

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### **President Abiut Fajardo's Vision**

**On Pentecost Sunday, Rev. Abiut Fajardo, President of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, spoke at Messiah Lutheran Church in Bullock Creek Michigan. Their pastor, Rev. Greg Finke, is on the Board of KIMA. Pastor Fajardo shared his message with me in McAllen, Texas on Monday, June 9. The text for his message was 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the**

**work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."**

**On behalf of all the members of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, he thanked all of you who have helped them through KIMA or individually through your churches for your prayers and assistance in helping them to reach out to the ninety million people in Mexico who do not know Jesus.**

**Their vision for the future is to start new ministries in Mexico beginning this month of June. A new tent ministry is being started. They are going to use this as an evangelistic tool beginning in Matamoros and slowly working their way across northern Mexico to Guasave in far western Mexico. This is approximately 1700 miles. They feel that with the help of God they will bring many people to Jesus. In order for this to take place, many people -- musicians, pastors, evangelists, and others who will help with the work -- will have to leave their families as they travel through Mexico. Pastor Fajardo said, "We need help!"**

**Pastor Fajardo then said that with this new ministry comes new problems. He said that they will need pastors for the new people. New pastors will need to be trained. That takes us to the second new ministry. They want to start a new Bible Institute in Matamoros to train lay leaders. They want to use the church and parsonage of Santisima Trinidad in Matamoros for this purpose.**

**Pastor Fajardo said, "Pray for us, come and work with us, and any give us any other help you can give."**

Rev. Abiut Fajardo then thanked us again and wished us God's blessings.

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CAN-DO, through people like I met last week in Matamoros from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Arlington, were already working on the church and parsonage.

Pastor Abiut Fajardo didn't say it but the people who are helping making the tent ministry a viable ministry could be people like you; people who are willing to come and set up the tent, hand out flyers, cook meals, do eyeglass ministries, dental ministries, mime, greet people, and hand out water. All these people will need to be supported and prayed for. We can help by supplying money to give them gasoline for the bus, water to drink, food to eat, and places to sleep. A trailer needs to be purchased to carry the tent, (*The tent is approximately 100 ft. by 40 ft.*) a sound system, instruments, a copy machine (*if they can get money together to purchase one*) and personal belongings. If you feel like the Lord is moving you to help in some way, please, contact me at [pastor@christtheking.net](mailto:pastor@christtheking.net) or Lois Wolf at [nanaswolf@netzero.net](mailto:nanaswolf@netzero.net)

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## El Divino Emanuel in Guasave

Another exciting area of ministry is in Guasave. The congregation is coming alive under the leadership of Pastor Reyes. On May 1 we were able to send \$5000 down to the Lutheran Synod of Mexico so that

a van could be purchased for Pastor Reyes. He was without transportation and can now get around in Guasave and to their new mission site at San Pedro.

When they go out to San Pedro they often have around a hundred children show up. We hope to be able to purchase some property out in San Pedro to set up a permanent site where people can come and worship Jesus. The cost of the property will be somewhere around \$2000. We need contributions.

We could also use a little help with our assistance to Pastor Reyes. We send \$400 a month to the Lutheran Synod of Mexico to help Pastor Reyes. At the moment we only have commitments of \$275 per month from congregations and organizations to help him.

(Enclosed as attachments are pictures of Pastor Reyes and his family standing next to the car, people worshipping in Guasave, and people at the mission in San Pedro.)

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## San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado

San Luis Rio Colorado is another exciting place. According to Rev. Abiut Fajardo they have two churches and several missions. They have been broken into again and thieves have stolen items that they used in their outreach ministry. A partial list of items taken include: pots and pans, eating utensils, electric shower head, one new door that was installed, children's school materials, paper, pencils, etc.

We sent \$1633 down to them to finish building a wall and fence around the property to protect it from thieves. The Lord answers prayers even before we know to ask. When I met with Rev. Abiut Fajardo last June 9-12 he said a priority had to be to get money to help out in San Luis Rio Colorado. I asked him how much was needed and he said about \$1600. I told him that I had just received a check from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Plainview, Texas for \$1633. I sent it down this week and they are building the wall/fence.

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As we told you earlier four homes at the mission site in Fronterizo were burned down. With your donations from Cross of Christ DeSoto LWML, Edna Kloeber, Debbie and Gary Montgomery, Michael White, and Elizabeth Tilton; door offerings from Messiah Bullock Creek, Michigan, Trinity Tyler, and Holy Cross Arlington, and physical help from groups like from Faith Lutheran Church, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas and college students on Spring break the homes have been replaced. Pictures are included as an attachment. Rob Krotzer and a crew from Messiah in Bullock Creek, Michigan came down and finished the houses and added a new bathroom to Pastor Filiberto Jiménez' house. Pastor Filiberto Jiménez has a vibrant ministry going. He needs help. Keep him in your prayers.

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**Rev. Jaziel Lopez** of San Pablo Lutheran Church in Mexico City is in need of our prayers. They discovered a tumor on his lungs. I will let you know more when I hear more details.

### Pray for:

- Rev. Abiut Fajardo, president of the Synod and pastor of Todos Santos in Guadalajara
- Pastor Isaac Garcia, of Betania & Mesías in Rio Bravo, and Santisima Trinidad in Matamoros
- Rev. Filiberto Jiménez, pastor of San Mateo and three missions in and around San Luis Rio Colorado
- Pastor Reyes of El Divino Emanuel in Guasave
- Rev. Samuel Perez of San Pedro in Mexico City
- Rev. Alvaro Lopez of El Buen Pastor in Mexico City
- Rev. Jaziel Lopez of San Pablo in Mexico City
- Rev. Juan Rosas of San Juan in Mexicali

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Acting Director of KIMA