

A Step Forward in Faith



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

Romans 12:13

“Praise God from Whom all blessings flow”

You will be pleased to know that in 2003 we distributed \$75,054.50 to support the following needs:

- each pastor received a Christmas gift
- back taxes on the parsonage in Matamoros were paid
- homes that had been destroyed by fire in San Luis Rio Colorado were rebuilt
- gifts were given to children at El Divino Emanuel in Guasave
- funds were provided for a new bathroom in Pastor Filiberto Jimenez’s home
- S.S. materials were given to the parishes of San Pablo and San Pedro in Mexico City
- materials were provided for Theological Education classes
- a van was purchased for Pastor Reyes in Guasave
- funding was given to investigate the feasibility of a Biblical Institute
- funds needed to purchase the tent for the new tent ministry were made available
- funds given to build a protective wall around San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado
- materials provided to paint the parsonage in Guasave
- property purchased in San Pedro near Guasave to build a new mission
- repairs made to the front of the sanctuary at Rio Bravo
- funding provided for travel, room and board of the pastors of the SLM to their National Convention in Monterrey
- Mike Shaw’s participation in the dedication of El Sembrador in Monterrey was supported
- assistance given to Magdiel Fajardo for his work at University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg
- financial assistance given to assist in the administration of the Synod
- financial assistance given to several pastors so more time could be devoted to ministry
- assistance given to Rev. Jaziel Lopez as he fights cancer.

We are grateful to God for the gifts of love totaling \$ 66,859.87 which we received during 2003. These monetary gifts ranged from \$6 to \$17,000 and were truly a blessing to the Lord’s work. They were received from:

10 Congregations

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church Columbia, MO
Christ the King Lutheran Church Waxahachie, TX
Faith Lutheran Church Huntsville, TX
Faith Lutheran Church Hot Springs Village, AR
Holy Cross Lutheran Church Arlington, TX
Messiah Lutheran Church Bullock Creek, MI

Our Savior Lutheran Church McKinney, TX
St. Luke Lutheran Church Olney, TX
St. Paul Lutheran Church Plainview, TX
Trinity Lutheran Church Tyler, TX

1 Men’s Club

Ascension Lutheran Men’s Club Cleburne, TX

4 LWML Groups

Cross of Christ LWML DeSoto, TX
Faith Lutheran LWML Grand Prairie, TX
Redeemer Lutheran LWML Fort Worth, TX
Trinity Lutheran LWML Weatherford, TX

1 VBS

Christ the King Lutheran VBS Waxahachie, TX

1 School

Lamb of God Lutheran School Humble, TX

1 Pastor's Conference

Circuit #18 Pastor's Conference Texas District

29 Individuals contributed directly to KIMA (not through their congregations)

Kathy Aday
Tom Batchelor
Deena Bottom
Barb and Jerry Brunworth
Louis Dawson
Lorraine Finke

Norman and Marty Finke
Monty and Judy Gearner
Ralph Genz
John and JoAnn Harrell
Kenneth Hilliard
Christopher Holder
Edna Kloeber
Bobbie Marshall
William Martz
Norma Medenwaldt
Debbie Montgomery
David and Linda Noe
Margie Norum
Steve , Roxana, Overn
Deborah Piel
Mike and Diane Shaw
Elizabeth Tilton
Milo and Beverly Tosch
David & Tracy Wegner
Myron and Karen Werkmeister
Michael White
Lois Wolf
Tom & Lori Yahr

Rev. Abiut Fajardo expressed heartfelt gratitude for all that KIMA has done. He said that they now have materials, necessities, and support, but he wanted to ask for something more. He said, "Sometimes as officials of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico we have problems, anxieties, worries and we need someone to go to for guidance and prayer. We need spiritual strength to move into the future. We need to find people to pray for us and with us." Pastor Fajardo has asked me, and I'm sure he was also thinking of all you that are involved in KIMA, to be their spiritual mentors. He said, "Pastor Finke, you will need to surround yourself with others who can help you to fulfill this special calling for spiritual guidance and prayer." I am asking you to help me provide this spiritual guidance.

Looking to the future of this ministry which supports the proclamation of the Word in Mexico, it will be critical to continue our support to supply materials and meet the ministry needs and opportunities presented. The Lord calls us to be faithful and He will multiply the gifts that we give and bless our efforts in His name. We are "blessed to be a blessing".

Please, keep this ministry in your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Norman Finke
Director of KIMA

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