

A Step Forward in Faith



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

Romans 12:13

January 2005

**“Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come”
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today,
Alleluia!” “God so Loved the World so
that He Gave.”**

All these words are part of that one message of the certain hope that we have because of God’s unconditional love for each of us. Our brothers and sisters of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico have dedicated themselves to sharing this same message with the many millions of their fellow countrymen who have heard about God but don’t know the God of Love Who sent His Son to redeem us.

On behalf of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, their seven pastors, ten congregations, five missions, and KIMA, I want to thank each of you for helping in this task of spreading the Good News of what our God is doing and has done for His people. We would like to ask you to relay our heartfelt thanks to others who may be helping through your congregations and various groups.

We have had forty-nine different individuals, groups, or congregations who have contributed over \$50,000 this year to carrying out the Great Commission through the work of KIMA. I know that there are many others who are lifting up these congregations and pastors in their prayers. Here is a list of those who have contributed financially and I would certainly add those who are praying if I knew who they were. I know that Beverly Tosch prays daily for Rev. Jaziel Lopez and I know that Christ the King Lutheran Church of Waxahachie prays weekly for Pastor Lopez.

The financial supporters are:

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You will be pleased to know that in 2004 we distributed a little over \$44,000 to support the ministry in the following ways:

- ◆ Money to help Pastor Jaziel Lopez fight his cancer - \$500
- ◆ Each pastor, the widow of Rev. Juan Rosas, and Magdiel Fajardo received a Christmas gift - \$2275
- ◆ VBS. materials were given to the parishes of San Pablo and San Pedro in Mexico City, San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado, and El Divino Emanuel in Guasave - \$487

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- ◆ Financed the Spiritual Prayer Retreat in Matamoros providing transportation and food for all the Mexican pastors and their wives - \$6140
- ◆ Provided Theological books from CPH for all the Pastors of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico - \$2031
- ◆ Made it possible for Rev. Abiut Fajardo of Guadalajara, Pastor Isaac Garcia of Rio Bravo, and Rev. Roberto Simental of McAllen to attend the Theological Convocation in Austin - \$900
- ◆ A pickup truck and trailer was donated to Pastor Isaac for the tent ministry - \$2010
- ◆ Funds needed to purchase the tent for the new tent ministry were made available - \$3000
- ◆ Funding provided for travel, room and board of the pastors of the SLM to their National Convention in Mexicali - \$3500
- ◆ Fact finding and public relations trip to Guadalajara and Mexico City - \$945
- ◆ A computer was provided for Rev. Abiut Fajardo, president of the Synod - \$435
- ◆ A computer was provided for Buen Pastor Lutheran Church in McAllen - \$200
- ◆ Partial funding was provided to Buen Pastor Lutheran Church in McAllen for electrical repair and construction of Sunday School and storage rooms - \$1000
- ◆ Purchased a copier to be used at Betania, Mesias, and for the tent ministry - \$895
- ◆ Cabinets for altar paraments were constructed for Buen Pastor Lutheran Church in McAllen - \$430
- ◆ Assistance given to Magdiel Fajardo to help in his studies at University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg, Texas - \$1060
- ◆ Financial assistance given to assist in the administration of the Synod - \$3408
- ◆ Financial assistance given to several pastors so more time could be devoted to ministry - \$14,600
- ◆ Miscellaneous – stamps, printer ink, bank fees, phone calls, etc. - \$380

expenses and possibly, if a move is made to a small congregation, to help support the pastor financially.

With all the things that have been happening recently in this world the tsunami, the war in Iraq, diseases attacking our friends or us, it is easy to forget that it is one's relationship with God that really counts. We just came to the end of another year. The end of the world as we know it could come just as easily and quickly. We thank the Lord for each day that He gives us so that we can take steps to bring one more person into a loving, soul saving, eternal relationship with Him.

The Lord calls us to be faithful. He will multiply the gifts that we give and bless our efforts in His name. We are "blessed to be a blessing".

We need you and your help. Please, continue to support this ministry and keep it in your prayers.

Gifts to support the ministry of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico can be sent to:

KIMA
109 Noel
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Your brother in Christ,



Rev. Norman Finke
Executive Director of KIMA

The people of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico are making plans to erect two new preaching stations, train men and women to be more effective witnesses, refurbish buildings, and relocate pastors to where they can more effectively proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If pastors move we may have to help with moving

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