

A Step Forward in Faith



MISSION FESTIVAL

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

Romans 12:13

November 17, 2005



SILENT AUCTION AND OKTOBERFEST

The members of Christ the King Lutheran Church of Waxahachie, Texas held an Oktoberfest dinner after church on October 30. It was combined with Pastor Appreciation Sunday. They served pizza for the ones who didn’t like Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, several kinds of sausage, special breads, and all the desserts you could want. Thrivent supplied the meal and a free will offering was received from those who attended the meal.

In preparation for the Silent Auction that began that same day donations were received from members and friends. A committee went to businesses in the area seeking further donations. Each item was marked telling the approximate value of the item. People were invited to write down their bid on whatever item they wanted to bid on. The people were given till the next Sunday November 6 to make their bids or up the bid of someone else.

Thrivent was willing to match up to \$1600 for the meal and the auction. KIMA will be receiving a check from Thrivent in excess of \$3200. This will go a long way in meeting expenses for the next Spiritual Retreat for the pastors, wives, and congregational leaders of the congregations of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico.

On November 13, 2005 Rev. Kenneth Watson and Trinity Lutheran Church of Weatherford, Texas held their annual Fall Mission Festival. They invited Rev. Norman Finke, Executive Director of KIMA, to be the guest speaker. The day began with that which is typical of Lutheran churches. They had coffee and doughnuts. Only this time there was a little twist to it. The ladies of the mission committee for Trinity had prepared all types of Mexican cakes, cookies, and empanadas along with a Mexican hot chocolate drink with cinnamon.

During the Bible Class hour all the teenage groups and adults met together for a slide presentation showing each of the pastors and their wives and the work that is being done by the Lutheran Synod of Mexico.

Rev. Norman Finke’s sermon was entitled “Managing a Love That Floods” and was based on 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 with particular emphasis on verse 12 which reads: “May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.” God blesses His people so that we might be a blessing to others. In this coming year, Christ will be with us and He will enable us to go with the flow, God’s flow, as we manage His overflowing love. God tells us in Malachi 3:10 “Test me in this, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Let us pray that His grace will continue to open our floodgates, and pour out through us into the lives of the Mexican people along the border and down into Mexico.

The Special Mission offering that was received will be given to KIMA and will enable the leadership of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico to meet and carry out their responsibilities.

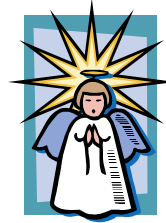


INSTALLATION

On Sunday, November 13, 2005 Rev. Samuel Perez was installed as pastor of El Sembrador, (The Sower) Lutheran Church in Monterrey, N.L. Pastor Samuel had been serving as pastor of San Pedro Lutheran Church in Mexico City. KIMA has been asked to assist El Sembrador by paying for a portion of Pastor Samuel's salary. There are only about a dozen people who regularly attend church there. They feel that they can pay \$200 a month. Rev. Abiut Fajardo, president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, has asked KIMA if we could raise an additional \$400 a month. This would make his salary \$600 a month which is about half of what a professional person would receive in Mexico. Presently we are using the gifts from Ascension Lutheran in Cleburne, Texas to cover the bulk of this need. Another \$50 a month from someone would certainly be a blessing.

MISSION SUNDAY

Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas will be having their Mission Sunday on November 27, 2005. The service will begin at 10:09 on Sunday morning. They are bringing in people from the various places they have gone on mission trips. There will be someone there from Honduras. Rev. Abiut Fajardo of Guadalajara and president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico will attend with his wife Dory. Other participants in the service will be the Praise Band from Rio Bravo. Pastor Isaac Garcia, his son Neftali, Samuel Garcia Marquez and Jose Luis Moreno Alvarado will also be coming to help spread the Gospel through their music. Samuel and Luis have begun taking classes under Rev. Steve Morfitt for preparation for possibly being future lay-ministers in Mexico. If you are in the area you are certainly invited to participate in the service.



THE GIFT OF GIVING

For all the years I served as a principal of a Lutheran School or pastor of a Lutheran church I was always extremely grateful to the members of the school or church when they gave me a Christmas gift. One, I knew they didn't have to, but secondly it was a bonding that took place between my family and myself and with all the people that I served and loved. I felt that they realized the sacrifice that we were making and appreciated it.

These men and their wives and families give their all for the churches that many of them have formed and brought into existence. They have sacrificed all year long often giving of their own salary to help others that they feel have a greater need.

I for one would like to say thank you to them and at the same time enable them to say thank you to their wives and families for sticking by them through difficult times.

I would encourage any or all of you to make a special gift at this time so we can give it to these pastors and their families.

Make a personal commitment.

After you have made your commitment to get involved in this ministry, pass this information on to your congregational leaders that are responsible for the vision and direction your congregation will take in the coming months to carry out God's Great Commission.

Please contact, Rev. Norman Finke at nfinke_kima@vetec.com or 972-935-8017 or www.kimamissions.org for any further information.

Prayers need to be addressed to God
Donations for this ministry may be sent to:

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