



February 15, 2006

February 17-20, 2006 The Lutheran Synod of Mexico will meet at San Pablo Lutheran Church in Mexico City. Election of officers and the direction that the Synod will take will be two of the items that should be on the agenda.

San Luis Río Colorado is a city of about 200,000 in the Mexican state of Sonora. It is located at 32°30' N 114°45' W, on the Río Colorado, which at this point marks the state border with Baja California. It also stands on the international border with the United States, adjacent to San Luis, Arizona which is about 25 miles from Yuma, Arizona. The countryside is desert except for the cultivated areas.



Partner Churches

Faith Lutheran Church in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas & San Mateo Lutheran Church in San Luis Rio Colorado



Faith Lutheran Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

Faith Lutheran is a Missouri Synod Lutheran church located in **Hot Springs Village**, a large 26,000 acre gated retirement community nestled in the beautiful Ouachita Mountains of west central Arkansas about 15 miles north of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

This is quite a contrast from San Luis Río Colorado.

Land under cultivation produces green onions, cauliflower, melon, asparagus, pumpkin and other vegetables, as well fruits such as the date, peach, and the fig.

Cattle are raised for the production of calves to be weaned for export to the United States of North America.

There are 28 industrial plants employing 8,046 employees. The types of companies are: metal-mechanics, electronic, plastic, textile, furniture factories and foods.

San Luis Rio Colorado was awarded city status in July 1958 and it serves as the administrative center for the surrounding district of the same name.

It is quite a different place from the rolling wooded hills of Arkansas.

Faith Lutheran Church has been working with Pastor Filiberto now for somewhere around five years. Pastor Filiberto Jiménez along with his wife Maria are active in the communities around San Luis Rio Colorado trying to show by example what he preaches from the pulpit. They want to be a light to this generation.

Pastor Jiménez is in ministry at several other sites besides San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado. He has a mission called Santo Tomas Apóstol. He also has missions going in Fronterizo and Independencia.



Pastor Filiberto Jiménez and Maria

Bruce and Dot Neunaber, members of Faith Lutheran, recently returned from their visit to the church in San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico. They said it was a wonderful visit. Pastor Jiménez and his family were glad to see them as well as two other members of Faith HSV, Jim and Mary Cunningham. They were grateful for the help that they are receiving in their ministry from Faith Lutheran and KIMA.

Faith Lutheran provided the funds for the needed construction at these two new missions. Pastor Jiménez took the Neunabers to the mission church in Fronterizo to show them the reconstruction that had been completed. Earlier Pastor Jiménez had said that in Fronterizo he would like repairs to the existing building. This building was there when the property was purchased a few years ago by LWML. (California District). He wanted it repaired, painted

and hoped that a porch could be added. The church still needs replacement of windows.



Church at Fronterizo



Interior at Fronterizo

At Independencia they wanted an addition to the three sided building that was there. Pastor Jimenez wanted to enclose it with a door and add some windows. They also hoped that if there was enough money available a concrete floor could be added.



Church at Independencia



Interior at Independencia

The building now has a new concrete floor, sidewalk and is fully enclosed. It still needs windows. The building now has protection from the winds, sand and occasional rain.

The people of Faith Lutheran keep all of the Mexican Missions in their prayers while they are trying to take care of San Luis.

Make a personal commitment.

These men and women need your help. After you have made your commitment to get involved in this ministry, keep it in your prayers and share this information with 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@sbcglobal.net or 972-935-8017 or www.kimamission.org for any further information.

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

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