



August 21, 2007



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The Council of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico has called an Extraordinary Assembly to be held in Mexico City on September 6-9, 2007. The main work of this special Assembly will be to consider and vote on proposed changes in the constitution of the SLM. Like many constitutions, there are parts of this constitution that need to be updated. The main area of concern, for us, and pastoral and lay delegates of some of the churches outside of Mexico City, is that the Council and the churches in Mexico City would like to be in fellowship with the ELCA and would like to be able to ordain women into the holy ministry as pastors. This doesn't seem to be a unanimous feeling among all the SLM churches.

It is our, KIMA's, prayer that the pastors and lay delegates of each of the congregations of the SLM would be able to gather together and speak up about what each of them believes the Lord's will is concerning these matters. Depending on the outcome of the voting, decisions may need to be made as to whether each congregation will go along with the Synod's decision, withdraw from the Synod, or find some kind of compromise.

This going and coming is complicated by the fact that the Council in Mexico City has decided that they will only pay for the transportation of the pastors to and from Mexico City; no lodging; no meals; no local transportation costs; nothing for lay delegates. To us that may seem generous enough, but historically, at least for the last, maybe, 10 years all expenses were paid by the Synod or through agencies like the Texas District or KIMA. Unfortunately, for many of the congregations in the SLM it is an action that effectively eliminates many of the men outside of Mexico City.

KIMA has not been approached to give any assistance in this matter and we don't want to interfere in the sense of trying to buy votes or even influence the voting. We just feel that in these matters all need to be present and voice their opinion and under God's guidance cast their vote. To that end KIMA is offering to pick up any of the expenses of pastoral or lay delegates that the Council is not or cannot cover. We feel that what is at stake here is much too important to be left to just a few of the congregations of the SLM. The future direction of the Synod and the churches that are part of that Synod is at stake.

To that end we need your help. This project was not part of our projected expenses for the year. It is a project that we feel the Lord is calling us to do. Knowing this, we put our trust in the Lord that somehow He is going to provide. If He is calling you to be part of this, asking you to be a part of this, put it in your

prayers; pray that the Lord will provide and, if you are so moved, send your contributions to KIMA, 109 Noel, Waxahachie, TX, 75165 with the notation that it is for this purpose.

Any funds that go beyond what is needed for this Assembly will be used for special outreach programs of individual churches that are seeking to save the lost.



Young Job of San Mateo Rio Colorado writes:

Missionary Monthly Report
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THE LOVE OF GOD, THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH EVERYONE.

My brothers and sisters in the greatest Faith of Jesus Christ.

We are fine. We are working really hard in our missions and God is helping us.

Valente a member of the church of “San Mateo”, Daniele, a member of “San Mateo” church, my mom, Filiberto, my brother, and I are working together. Daniela and Valente are helping with the kids in our missions. Filiberto is helping by playing the guitar. Our people in missions are coming every time when we have a service. We are really thankful to our God, and with you.

We will be starting catechism class in Independencia next Wednesday the 22 of August. These 50 catechism books are from the people from a church in Iowa. We met them in Tijuana, Mexico. Thank you for your help with these catechisms. We had a group for this catechism class of 10 adults and 8 kids. In the next weeks we will be starting this project in the other missions.

I want to say thank you to Epiphany Lutheran Church in Phoenix and Pastor Don who God use to give me a new car to keep working in our missions. God bless your ministry.

Members of San Mateo Church are planning for this week a VBS. We are hoping for a hundred kids. We pray for God’s helps.

I want to say thank you to Faith Lutheran Church in Arkansas who made a donation for our church. We are using this donation to buy things that we need for church. We are also using it for things for VBS like cookies for the kids, juice, and gas for the car to transport the people who are working in VBS. Thank you.

Thank you also to Legna and Manny Cruz who are part of LBCM who God is using to help us. Legna will be here in a couple of weeks to give to us school supplies for the kids in our churches.

I'm starting my university education today. I am really thankful to Pastor Finke from KIMA who is helping me to go to the university. I want to say THANK YOU to every one who is behind him. God Bless you a lot.

Don't forget to pray for me because I am young. I just want to work for my Lord. I just want to be more knowledgeable in His word and ministry to do everything like He wants. Please pray for our missions especially for Independencia, "KING OF GLORY" "REY DE GLORIA" (congregation there decided to take on this name). We have several problems there because the lot does not belong to us. The owner wants us to move. Pray for God to answer and put everything fine.

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

Your Brother in Jesus.

Job Jimenez.

(Sorry because my English is not really good.)



Pray for the Synod; pray that spiritual wisdom may prevail; pray that faithfulness to the word may prevail.

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We ask for your prayers and any support that you can give to help in these ministries.

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