

November 26, 2007



In the narthex of our church there sits an "angel tree." It gives our people a chance to give a gift to some "special" people. It gives us a chance to share the blessings that God has given to us.



Dear to my heart are the people in Mexico that we work with. They are dear because they are dedicating their lives to share with others the good news that there is only one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that He loves the people of Mexico, has died on the cross for them, paid for their sins, and now promises to be with them always. I am very proud of these ten men.



They are from top left to right:

Rev. Isaac Garcia who pastors at Betania in Rio Bravo, Mesias in Rio Bravo, Santisima Trinidad in Matamoros, and plans to open a mission in Progresso; Rev. Alvaro Lopez who is pastor at San Pablo in Mexico City and president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico; Lay-pastor Jose Reyes who serves at El Divino Emanuel in Guasave, in the suburb of San Pedro, and at a small town called Las Moras;

The second row from left to right:

Rev. Samuel Perez who is serving at
El Sembrador in Monterrey; Rev.

Abiut Fajardo who serves at Todos
Santos in Guadalajara and assists at a
mission at Chapala; Job Jimenez of
San Luis Rio Colorado who is a full time
student at the University studying
psychology. He also studies theology
under Rev. John Durkovic of the
Hispanic Institute of Theology through
Pastor Jesus Jimenez. Job also serves as
worship leader at a mission at
Independencia;

The bottom row from left to right: Magdiel Fajardo attends the University of Texas - Pan American at Edinburg, Texas. He wants to be a worker/priest and is studying engineering. He attends Buen Pastor in McAllen and helps with the praise band and teaching Sunday School; Jose Luis Moreno Alvarado and Samuel Garcia Marquez of Rio Bravo. They lead all the music for the services in Rio Bravo and Matamoros. They conduct services in the absence of Rev. Isaac Garcia and they both are studying theology under Rev. Steve Morfitt and Rev. Roberto Simental. They plan on taking over the ministries at Mesias in Rio Bravo and the new mission in Progresso; Pastor Jesus Jimenez is a LCMS pastor from El Centro, California who is serving as the vacancy pastor at San Juan in Mexicali and at San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado. He is also

instructing people at San Mateo to be Deacons, Deaconesses, pastors, and laypastors.



These are the men and their families that we support every month in one way or another. They all are dedicated men and are working hard. We don't/can't give them enough to make life easy. On the other hand that is not why they are in this. They are the Lord's men.

I am asking for each of you to follow the example of the people of ancient Philippi who took care of Paul. (Philippians 4:14-20) Keep these men in your prayers. I would also like you to consider giving a gift of some kind to help them have a little something special at Christmas time to help their families and their ministries. We want to let them know that they are not alone.

Please, send any gifts to:

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and earmark them for one of the above projects.

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May God bless each of you, your family, and your ministries.

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