



April 2, 2009



Rev. Isaac Garcia, new president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico (SLM)

Elections

At the 40th General Assembly of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico (SLM), held March 26-29 at El Divinio Emanuel Lutheran Church in Guasave, Sinaloa, Mexico the following were elected to offices of the SLM:

- Rev. Isaac Garcia of Betania Lutheran Church in Rio Bravo was elected president.
- Olivia Guzmán of San Pedro Lutheran Church in Mexico City was elected treasurer.
- Lourdes Gutierrez of Buen Pastor in Mexico City was elected secretary.
- Rev. Samuel Perez of El Sembrador Lutheran Church in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon was elected chairman of the committee to set up a program of theological education.
- Samuel Garcia of Betania Lutheran Church in Rio Bravo was elected chairman of the evangelism committee of the Synod.

Dedication

It was an exciting weekend culminating in the dedication of the new church in San Pedro, Sinaloa, Mexico. The new church is going to be called "Nueva Jerusalem."



Pastor José Reyes

Pastor José Reyes of El Divinio Emanuel in Guasave will serve as its pastor. We give special thanks for the groups from Our Savior in McKinney, TX, Messiah in Bullock Creek, MI, and Salem in Tomball, TX that came and worked on developing this new congregation. Special thanks are also given to Robert Christiansen and Deanna Bottom for their financial assistance, Rev. Greg Finke and Susan, Amanda, & Emilie,

Ralph & Louise Genz, Kevin Pieper & Bill Atwood for leadership and just plain caring.

Rev. Norman Finke was invited by President Rev. Alvaro Lopez to attend the Assembly and participate in the dedication of the church. Omar Garza a leader in the church at Matamoros served as advisor and translator.



Rev. Norman Finke and Omar Garza.



Dedication Service of Nuevo Jerusalem



Here is the hardest working group of the bunch. These nine people (not counting Rev. Norman Finke, center front) left Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas on March 2, 2009 and drove 30 hours over two days to Guasave, Sinaloa to work on the church. The church was completed on Saturday morning March 28, 2009. That's commitment and dedication!



Nuevo Jerusalem



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The Lord said to His disciples, "Go and make disciples of all nations - baptizing and teaching." Here is your chance to get involved. The Lord will truly bless you. KIMA as it works with the Lutheran churches in Mexico to reach out, baptize, and teach, needs your prayers, commitment, and financial assistance. Don't worry about that financial commitment; that's our test as to where our heart is. He promises to be with us always and challenges us to see if we can't outgive Him.

We really do need your help! We have bit off some pretty sizeable challenges. But I believe they are big because the need is great. Join in and help carry out the Great Commission. Pray for the leadership and support their endeavors as they try to uplift the congregations. Want to get involved? Contact us at:
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