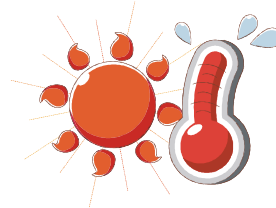




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Has it been hot where you are? We have had one day under a hundred since the first of June. It's too hot to golf, barbeque, or even sit in the shade! I

thought it was hot here until I heard from Job Jimenez out in San Luis Rio Colorado in Sonora, Mexico and he said they were having trouble doing a whole lot right now as it has been between 115 and 120 degrees. You can see why those fans are so important down there.



Job Jimenez, fan, and computers we sent him.

Job's father, Rev. Filiberto Jimenez, had opened four churches in the area around San Luis Rio Colorado, one in town and three out in small desert communities. Job was the youngest son and it was Filiberto's desire that Job would be able to take over as Pastor of these churches in due time. Pastor Filiberto sent Job to the best school he could afford and taught Job the Scriptures. Pastor Filiberto supported his family by prescribing and selling herbs etc. to help people. Rev. Filiberto Jimenez died five years ago when Job

was seventeen years old. Shortly before his death Pastor Filiberto asked KIMA to help Job finish school so he could become a pastor.

KIMA has been helping Job ever since. He finished what we would call high school and enrolled at the Centro Universitario de Sonora Campus in San Luis Rio Colorado and is majoring in psychology. He will graduate in February of 2012 but will have to continue until April to finish his residency. He then wants to be a "worker priest" like his father. He will support himself by working as a psychologist and serve as a lay pastor in the churches his father started. He will then begin to take more theology courses from someplace like the Hispanic Institute of Theology.



Centro Universitario de Sonora,

Right now, in order to finish, he needs around \$400 to register and then \$300 a month until he is finished in April. We have done this now for five years but donations and gifts have been down about \$900 a month from

previous years. So we now have to figure out a way to help him complete these next four months in 2011 and then the first four months in 2012.

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the master calls you;
Rich reward He offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I. Send me, send me"?



Magdiel Fajardo

So, Job Jimenez isn't the only gift God is giving to His church. Magdiel U. Fajardo Perez is the son of Rev. Abiut Fajardo. After he had finished his high school years in Mexico City he came to Houston, TX and attended Lutheran High North for one year. He stayed with a family from Memorial Lutheran whose sons also attended Lutheran High North. After spending one year there, refining his English skills, learning our customs, and breaking his leg playing soccer, he wanted to attend Concordia in Austin but was not able to handle the finances to do so. So he returned home, which was now Guadalajara, and lived and worked there until he was able to enroll at the University of Texas Pan Am in Edinburg, TX. I served as his sponsor so he could get his student visa and he began studying for a degree in engineering. He also felt that the best way he could be a pastor was to have a second job that would financially support him. While his father ministered in Mexico City he had to drive a taxi in the mornings so he could serve as a pastor the rest of the day. While attending U T Pan Am, Magdiel became a member of Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd) Lutheran Church in McAllen where Rev. Roberto Simental was pastor. When he was finally able to get a truck to drive to church he taught Sunday School, lead the youth group, and organized a praise band to play at church services. KIMA has helped support him financially while going to school here in the United States. Magdiel graduated a little over two years ago and is presently enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

Because he is here on a Student Visa he cannot get a job off campus. So while going to school here in the U.S. he has only had jobs on campus taking notes for handicapped students or working in the cafeteria. A year ago this summer he spent the summer working on a summer vicarage in northern Nebraska in the city of Valentine and in South Dakota on the Rosebud Indian reservation at Rosebud and in Parmelee.

This past school year in order to help with the finances he stayed off campus in the home of Rev. Michael Wakeland. He worked in the seminary cafeteria keeping it clean and part of his pay was two free meals a day. This summer Mac, as they now call him in the U.S., is on another summer vicarage only this time it is in Del Rio, Texas Cristo el Salvador Lutheran Church with Pastor Gary Martin. Del Rio is along the border with Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico. Most of the activities at Cristo el Salvador are in Spanish.



So Mac is in his third year of theological training. Because of the language requirements, Greek and Hebrew, it will take him a little longer than the normal four year program. But that is true of anyone who goes to the seminary and doesn't have their Greek and Hebrew behind them. So Mac will finish up this coming year and then will serve his year of vicarage wherever he is assigned. That would then be followed by his final year at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Its been an interesting trip for him. The Lord leads us all in His special ways.



Well, there is one more new wrinkle in this journey. This coming year Mac has been given an exciting opportunity to study at Westfield House. It is located in Cambridge, England. Westfield House serves as the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England as well as a house of studies for theology students from around the world.

The program he will take there is fully recognized by Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. When he is finished with this year of studying abroad he will be ready for vicarage. Any donations that we will receive to help Mac in his seminary training will be sent to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne who will in turn take care of his fees in England.

I believe that God has called us all into ministry. But we can't all be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, congregational chairmen, leaders of the Boards, etc. But I know that God has called each and everyone of us to something. What does it say in Ephesians 2:10? "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which

God prepared in advance for us to do.” I might not be the brightest kid on the block but I think that God doesn't want us sitting on the bench gathering splinters when there is work to be done.

I've tried to give you a little picture of two of the gifts that God is giving to His Church. I don't know for sure the twists and turns that their lives will take. I only know that these two young men have a deep love for their LORD and want to serve Him in the calling that they have. I also know that one of the biggest obstacles that stands in their way is finances. I guess we all think that that is our biggest problem. And maybe it is. God has called these two young men so let's see if we can't get them over the hump and into full time ministry. May God bless you as you pray for Job and Mac as they prepare for ministry.

If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God demands;
You can be life faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

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