



April Newsletter 2012

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Hello everyone,

I pray that all of you have been energized spiritually from the events of the past days and weeks. Probably energized spiritually but for some of you physically exhausted. We thank you for your efforts!

Many exciting things have happened. It was exciting to gather together with so many people who were excited to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Other things that come to mind were the messages proclaimed by our pastors, the joyful sounds of the choirs and soloists, the balloon release sending God's message of love to wherever the Lord wanted it to go by means of the winds that blew.

I even heard of one place that celebrated the resurrection with 50 or 60 people from their subdivision while standing or sitting around a scenic pond with the sun slowly rising above the horizon. (See facebook Greg Finke or go to Dwelling 1:14.) He is risen! He has risen indeed!

All too often we work for things, pray for people, and we do so by faith that the Lord would bless. This morning I thought I would share with you how things are going with one young man we have been helping now for several years. That is Magdiel Fajardo who is from Mexico City/Guadalajara and is a student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne although for the moment studying at Westfield House in Cambridge, England. In May he gets his vicarage assignment which

will begin in August or September. He has no idea where he could be going. Exciting times!

He will finish classes there in Cambridge by June and he will be back in the States by July.

He has one more term there at Westfield House. He will be taking an Old Testament course translating Exodus, Luther's Readings, Dogmatics III, Lutheran confessions, Christian Ethics, and Johanne Literature.

Some of those classes he has been taking since the beginning of last year. They hear lectures all year long, and then they finish with an exam or a paper.

He sends his thanks for your prayers and your help. Your help is sent to the seminary and it is being used to pay the bill he gets for being at Westfield House.

Attached is Magdiel's most recent newsletter.

1 Peter 3:18. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.



Greetings from Cambridge as we celebrate Easter.

These are the members of Westfield House for the second half of my year in Cambridge. In this picture we are celebrating the addition of Dr. Mumme and his family to the Lutheran Church of England.



We have one more term at Westfield House, 10 more weeks of Dogmatic, Lutheran Confessions, Exodus, Christian Ethics, Luther's Readings and the Gospel of John are the courses I will take for Lent term.

After this great year I will be placed to do a year of Vicarage. On May 1st is when we find out where we go and so I ask for your prayers so that we are prepared to serve God's church. And eventually I will let you know where I will be serving.

Many things had happened here in Cambridge, after spending Christmas in Germany getting to know the Lutheran Seminary in Oberursel, Germany and visiting a church in Berlin with some friends and also spending Christmas in Kassel, Germany with family Schmidt for whom I ask for your prayers since Renate Schmidt passed away (the mother of the family after struggling with cancer is with our Lord). Also, I had the opportunity to spend New Years with some Lutheran friends in Croatia, Boris and Lidia whom I met at Westfield House.

As part of Field work, the visit to a church is part of the many activities we can have. So I got in touch with the Evangelical Lutheran

Spaniard Church. Rev. Gustavo Lavia is the head of the church, for 7 years he has been working in carrying on with the mission in different cities of Spain along with other members of the church. Many of the people got to know about the Lutheran Church in Spain through the website. And through internet also, some of the members are able to take courses with the Lutheran Seminary in Argentina. During my visit Dr. Just from the Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne was also working with Rev. Gustavo and other members of the church in pastoral Formation. We pray for the Spaniard Lutheran Church and the mission being done bringing the Gospel.



From right to left. Rev. Gustavo, Dr. Just, and me.



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A future project among the student body in Westfield is to go to Oberursel, Germany during Pentecost break and have a friendly Football (soccer) match between our seminaries, but not only football but also have fellowship between our students and get to make friendship and continue with this tradition of many years.



On June 25-28th there will be a Corpus Christi Conference in Sweden to which couple of fellow students and I will be attending, this is a conference organized by the Lutheran Church in Sweden and other Scandinavian Lutheran Churches with youth activities, theological discussions and worship. This will be my last trip before heading back home.

I thank you for your kind support during my preparation to serve the Lord's field, wherever His will is. I pray this newsletter find you well.

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outreach to bring those not yet touched by the Gospel into the Lord's fold. Here is a good chance for individuals, Sunday Schools, Sunday school classes, Lutheran Day Schools, and LWML groups to get involved in helping these people to reach out to the little ones all the way up through the teenagers. You can help provide the message and materials that many of these have never seen or heard.

Last year we provided well over \$2000 worth of materials and I'm sure that this year the requests for help will be about the same. At the moment we have \$200 set aside and the first bill will be around \$600 for two churches in Mexico City.

Pray for them and pray for us that we may be able to supply them with their needs.



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CHAMPIONS OF FAITH

More exciting times to come! I just got our first order for VBS material for some of the churches in Mexico.

I think for many of us we grew up having or going to VBS. It is almost like a rite of summer. But for many of these churches and missions in Mexico it is their big

If you would like to be part of this ongoing outreach ministry, please, lift your prayers up to our heavenly Father and send your gifts to:

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