

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ, first I thank the Lord that allows me to get in touch with you through this way, and also I thank God for all the love that we received from you through your prayers, I would like to inform you what had happened in our church.

First I would like to start by saying that in the past days we celebrate our first quinceañera (15 years) in our church, it was a totally new and great experience, quinceañeras are very popular in Mexico, Jisel who was the quinceañera invited us to her house for dinner with her family, in fact some of the member of San Mateo were there enjoying dinner.

It is a pleasure to informed you about a few changes that we made with the children at San Mateo, we separated the kids into different groups according to their ages, our Sister Alejandra and Armandina are taking care of the dominical classes with really good results, also I would like to tell you about the first communion classes, we have a group of 8 kids and 1 adult, pretty soon we are going to start a confirmation class for adults. The breakfast program is doing very good with a lot of children on Saturdays, as well the guitar classes.

We have been experiencing growth in our service, not only on Saturdays but on Wednesdays too, new people are coming and they are getting involved in our congregation, in addition two of the new members are my brother and my sister in law, they had made very good comments about San Mateo and they are enjoying being part of our congregation. We made some visits to the community to know about their needs and pray for them, at the same time we invited them to joining us at church. Some people accepted others didn't, but the Gospel is still being preached. Some other people that used to congregate in the past are coming back.

A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of receiving Pastor Richard Schlak the director of The Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute who gave us a very interesting classes and the member of San Mateo were very happy and enthusiastic, also Pastor

Ramon Contreras from LBCM San Diego were here, he has been a blessing for us in San Mateo, our brothers Mark and Gail from San Diego were also among us, sharing their love and finishing the construction of a bath room for Lolita one of the members of the church, also Pastor Don from Connecting Generation has been a blessing for us, his always in touch with us.

The ladies of the church prepared some Tamales and sold them to support our brothers Job and Guillermo that are in the seminary in Argentina, the sisters did a great job with that activity and the tamales were very good, in fact they sold everything.

God has been good with us, we want to thank all the people who are supporting us with their love and prayers but first of all we want to thank God for everything He has done for us and for giving us the opportunity to serve in his kingdom. God Bless You All.

Some of our ladies at San Mateo



Guitar class



Jisel with her parents at the quinceañera



Sofia, Sulema, Lidia, and Sari visiting the community praying and inviting them to join us in church.

Pastor Richard Schlak





Pastor Richard Schlak eating lunch at San Mateo.



Some of

our sisters preparing tamales



My wife Sofia and me, on a Saturday morning breakfast at San Mateo.