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"Share with God's people who are in need." Romans 12:13
"A Step Forward in Faith"

How exciting it is to see the LORD at work among us!



On October 12 and 13, 2018, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico at their XLVII Ordinary Assembly received and accepted the application for membership of the Cristo Redentor (Christ Redeemer) Lutheran congregation in Tijuana, B.C. (The State of Baja California). Candidate Job Jiménez Tejeda will be installed as the Lay-pastor of that church and has been accepted into the FPH program



through the Reformer Lutheran Seminary in the Dominican Republic. The FPH is the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) program in Spanish called Pastoral Formation

for Hispanic America. He will be able to continue his ministry at Cristo Redentor in Tijuana while taking classes online. Pastor Isaac Garcia, president of the SLMAR, will travel to Tijuana on the weekend of November 9-11 to formally accept Cristo Redentor Lutheran Church into the Lutheran Synod of Mexico Religious Association and to install Job Jimenez as their pastor.

San Juan Iglesia Luerana of Mexicali, B.C. (Saint John's Lutheran Church) will be able to restore the parsonage that had been vandalized during those years of inactivity. Representatives of the LCMS met with the Council of the SLMAR, the head of the Seminary in the Dominican Republic, and the leaders of the Yesleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso. During that meeting it was agreed that monies would be gathered for the reconstruction of the parsonage and all of its furnishings. This would alleviate the need for paying rent on a house in which the pastor and his family could live.



I was just reminded again that **Thrivent Choice Dollars** are once again available to those of you who are associated with Thrivent Financial. It is a fairly simple process. All you have to do is go to Thrivent.com and login. Once you are in you simply have to go down to Thrivent Choice and then click on Direct Choice Dollars. Then look for <u>Koinoneo Independent Mission Agency</u> of Waxahachie, TX and designate any of your funds that are available at this time. The monies will be used to fund the **Operation KIMA Christmas Child** —

KIMA Mission Kids or to help subsidize the missions.

Christmas Child – KIMA Mission Kids This year we will be putting together Christmas packages for the children in the missions that we help support in Northeastern Mexico. Presently we are planning packages for 100 children. Total cost to date is \$729 and there will be additional expenses involved in the delivery of these packages. Needs:

- Contributions to help cover the costs (Approximately \$8 a package.)
- Some people interested in making a trip down to the Border to deliver these packages, 5 Church pews, and a Communion table that will be used as an Altar.
- Lots of prayers for the children, the gifts, the gathering of finances to cover the project, and safe delivery of the gifts.

Any responses to any of these items may be directed to Rev. Norman Finke at any of the addresses listed at the top of this Newsletter or you may contribute electronically by going to the Internet at https://app.moonclerk.com/pay/3npxmz29g32a

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