



December 4<sup>th</sup> 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Through this we want to greet you and share some important plans for the growth of God's work in Mexico.

SLMAR currently has 9 churches and 8 missions and only 4 Formal pastors, 3 Lay Pastors, 1 deacon and some students preparing in seminar through Fortwayne seminar online and 1 in Concordia Seminar of Argentina also online. We are very gratefully with Fortwayne Indiana Seminar that trough Dr. Arthur Just for the support he have been providing with the distance education program that had been supporting several students of SLMAR on Mexico.

We have been praying to the Lord for guidance and support so we can have more and better prepared pastors that in the future these pastors become teachers for those who are starting in the gospel and want to learn more to serve the Lord.

God has answered our prayers and Concordia Argentina Seminary and World mission office from Missouri Synod has blessed us with five scholarships to study in Argentina (Concordia Seminary Argentina) with this we want to develop two pastors as future teachers and 2 students who have been supporting the God's work and want to be develop as new pastors and cover preaching in our churches with the pure doctrine of the Lutheran Church and the development of new missions in our country.

Each of these students has been participating in the reinforcement in pure doctrine that Luther Academy has been providing in our country and for these classes Concordia seminary Director, Sergio Fritzler interact with some of the students and he was the one that after the proper interviews provide this list of recommended students for which there is a brief summary below:





### Student: Neftalí Garcia Guevara

## Age: 22 Years

## **Marital Status: Single**

Actual Service: Leader of the Youth of the Bethany Church in Rio Bravo Tamaulipas, supporting the music and liturgy in worship, he has a career in Industrial Maintenance UAT.

Family: Neftali lives with his parents Pastor Isaac Guadalupe Garcia and Ms. Yolanda Guevara Jaramillo who serve in the Bethany Church of Rio Bravo Tamaulipas..

Future plans: Neftalii want to prepare as Pastor to serve in one of the congregations that the Lord provided and continue working with young people.

## Student: Guillermo Leiva Cruz Age: 27 Years

### Marital Status: Single

Actual Service: Young man who has studied some subjects of pastoring and supports the Lay Pastor Job Jimenez in services in San Luis Rio Colorado Sonora wishing to be prepared to serve the Lord full time.

Family: Guillermo lives with his parents in Mexicali, Baja California who were an important part of the congregation of Mexicali which is currently without an official Pastor.

Future Plans: Guillermo want to prepare as Pastor to serve in one of the congregations that the Lord provides, it is noteworthy that Guillermo is a very dynamic person with great potential for working with young people.

# Student: Lay Pastor Job Jimenez Tejeda Age: 25 Years

## Marital Status: Single

Actual Service: Job have a BA in Psychology and is the Lay Pastor in the church of San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado Sonora attending church and 2 missions developed by his Father Pastor Filiberto Jimenez who is with the Lord. And currently serves as secretary of SLMAR. Family: Job lives with his mother and siblings.





Ante Gobernación: SGAR/ 1549 /94 RFC SLM 940117 CX4 Future plans: Job want to finish his education to be formally a Full time Pastor and to have the knowledge to serve as teacher in the Northwest area of our country or where the Lord calls.

### Student: Rvdo. Samuel Perez Herrera

#### Age: 34 Years

## Marital Status: Married (2 Childs)

Actual Service: Samuel is the Official Pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Matamoros Tamaulipas and also serves on the mission in Villa las Torres with children's ministry here.

Family: Pastor Samuel lives with his wife Mayra Leal and his 2 sons Samuel of 15 years and Pablo of 5. The seminar provided a scholarship for him and another for his wife to attend with their two children to finish his studies in an official way in the seminar.

Future Plans: Pastor Samuel want to finish his formal seminary education to continue serving the Lord with better preparation, in addition to be prepared in knowledge to be a teacher in the northeast of the country or where the Lord calls.

We know that during their studies, we will greatly miss our brothers and pastors but the Lord has opened the doors to prepare the growth of his work in Mexico and this is a big step in this direction to lay the groundwork for new pastors with appropriate and healthy preparation.

The scholarships have been offered to cover everything needed for sustenance in Argentina except for personal expenses and transportation to Argentina.

That's why we ask for your help to cover the cost of transportation of 7 persons, which need to get to Argentina no later than the second week of February for attending this seminar in person. These classes will begin on February 28, 2015 and they would be about 2-3 years or so depending on their subjects to cover.

The average cost of transportation per person one way from Mexico to Argentina is 1300 dollars for a total amount of 9100 Dlls for the 7 people (The 4 students and the family of Pastor Samuel Perez Herrera) and ask you for their support for the amount of money or people your organization could support.

We will send the request to other Lutheran organizations to achieve the most resources we can, to cover the flights before January 10, in order to confirm students going and use of the



Ante Gobernación: SGAR/ 1549 /94 RFC SLM 940117 CX4 grant. We hope with God favor we can get all students going. Please confirm by to this email, confirmation of support for this project.

We appreciate your support that you have always provided and remain at your service to answer any questions you may have about this program has been presented.

Yours in Christ.

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