

BACK TO SCHOOL

It was wonderful spending time with many of you from our sponsoring congregations this summer. We missed seeing others of you, but hope to catch you on our next visits! Alicia started school toward the beginning of August, teaching English to high school and college students. While it is a lot of work, it has also been satisfying for her to work closely with people of that age, helping them not only learn English but mature and develop as individuals. Many of her students come from disadvantaged backgrounds and have really appreciated the time Alicia gives to them and the interest she shows in them. This has included giving some of them free tutoring sessions as well.



David's classes at the Lutheran Seminary and Theological Community began on August 23. He is teaching four classes (Acts, Christology, Homiletics, and a Liturgy workshop), and is also working with those students doing their thesis.

David was asked to preach for the opening chapel service of the Theological Community:



ROBERTO AND FELIX

This summer during our Missionary Visits David shared the story of Roberto and Felix. His sermon was recorded at United Lutheran Church in Bella Vista, Arkansas, and it has now been uploaded on YouTube together with the Children's Sermon he did there. (Go to David's Web Page for the link.) Please take the time to watch it if you can!

During the congregational visits, a couple of people spontaneously donated some money for Felix. After talking with Roberto, we decided that those funds will be used for Felix to make sandwiches ("tortas" in Spanish) to feed street children. Half of the money will be used to buy the ingredients necessary for the tortas, and the other half will be used to pay Felix for his work in preparing and distributing the tortas. However, since Felix really wants a guitar to continue with his music classes under Roberto so that he can accompany the music at their church, Felix's earnings will be applied to the purchase of his own guitar! Needless to say, Felix is excited!

Roberto continues his studies at the Theological Community and is also helping to teach music there in the music program. He is in three of David's classes this semester.

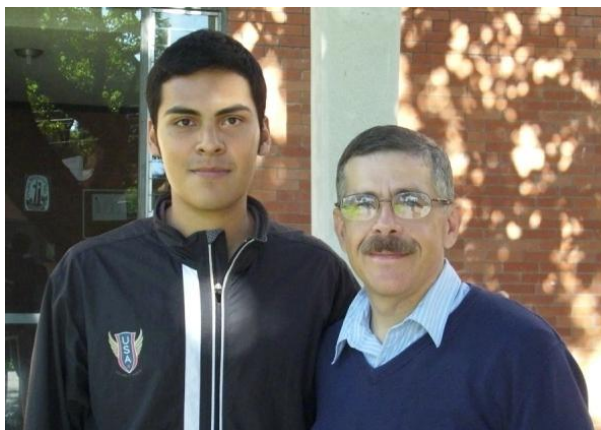


Felix (left) with Roberto (right), Roberto's son and daughter, and Felix's niece (center).

MEET ONE OF OUR STUDENTS

One of the new students this year at our Lutheran Seminary is Benjamín Quezada, whose grandfather was a Lutheran pastor in Mexico. We have known Benjamín since he was a baby! Benjamín finished his university degree in Commercial Relations and has now decided he wants to be a Lutheran pastor.

Benjamín is also the youth leader at his church, San Pedro in Mexico City. The youth there have asked David to give some workshops on Lutheran identity on Saturdays (see photo below). One of Benjamín's cousins also hopes to begin studies at the Lutheran Seminary next year! Although it is difficult for Benjamín to cover his tuition, he is being helped by the donations given by some of our sponsoring congregations for the Seminary scholarship fund. Thanks for that help!



MEXICAN BICENTENNIAL

On September 16, Mexico celebrated its bicentennial (1810 – 2010). Naturally, we also did some celebrating at the Theological Community. The Lutheran Seminary hosted a get-together for faculty and students of the Theological Community and the other seminaries associated with it. All joined in singing some of the traditional Mexican songs led by several of our music students, and there was plenty of good Mexican food!



ELCA YOUNG ADULTS

A new group of ELCA Young Adults arrived in August to spend a year in Mexico working with a variety of organizations. They visited us at Good Shepherd on their first Sunday here. Also in the photo with us are Andrea Roske-Metcalf, who coordinates the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Program in Mexico (next to Alicia), and her husband Luke Roske-Metcalf (in robe at right), who serves as pastor at Good Shepherd. We pray they all have a great year!



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