



The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Dear Texas Mission Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your dedicated and fervent prayer for these ministries and ministers of the Gospel expanding God's kingdom. May the Holy Spirit rest on you as you join Christ in fellowship.

You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.
2 Cor. 1:11

Ministries & Congregations

Comunidad De Fe

Rev. Juan & Dcss. Alma Zamora | Grand Prairie



- Praise for our newly reestablished Sunday School and youth program

- Praise for the relationships with all the kids from our community (pictured), reached by our ministry
- Pray for the six youth who will take their first early communion next month and another four who will be confirmed in October
- Praise for the leaders God is raising up among us, and pray for **Rosy Portillo** as she explores and pursues the deaconess program



LINC South Texas (San Antonio)

Rev. Carlos Boerger | San Antonio



PRAISE: Even after 2 ½ years of Covid and 1 ½ years since LINC San Antonio’s first Executive Director (of 10 years), Rev. Dr. Ely Prieto, accepted a Call to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, we are amazed at what the Lord keeps doing and by what he enables us to be involved in by his grace! For example:

- Continued development of “**The Church at Brooks**”, LINC San Antonio supported church plant (on San Antonio’s South Side, under the leadership of **Rev. Philip Doublestein** (who also serves part-time as interim LINC Director).
- Mentoring/support relationships with two immigrant pastors: **Pastor Dr. Naresh Talathoti**, a medical doctor leading an Asian-Indian congregation, and currently enrolled in Concordia Seminary’s “Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology”; also **Pastor Rugazura Christophe Rusare**, Congolese immigrant, who serves a growing congregation of African Immigrants in San Antonio and is taking steps towards being a Lutheran pastor of a Lutheran congregation of immigrants.

- Weekly Bible Study centered ministry at **San Antonio's Haven for Hope**, a large shelter and comprehensive multiservice center for many homeless people in the city.
- Ongoing Support community for church planters and cross-cultural/urban church workers in San Antonio/South Texas.
- Partnership with Texas District's recently developed **Evangelist Training Program** whose lead trainer for South Texas is Laura Sanders... who also serves on our LINC Board.
- **Ministry training seminars** for congregational members and leaders in the larger San Antonio area with plans to expand such offerings to all of South Texas.
- **BIG NEWS:** The bringing together an amazing group of additional partners and a Spirit-led vision of an expanded scope of mission so that **LINC San Antonio is now becoming LINC SOUTH TEXAS!** This is an exciting and very challenging development bigger than we are... but, we are convinced, one that the Lord is leading and enabling. Recently Pastors Nathan Wendorf and Eloy Gonzalez from the Lower Rio Grande Valley have come onto to our expanded LINC board, and we are also working with the Texas District.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *(We recognize that our Lord always calls us to things bigger than we are... things that HE is doing and that only HE can enable us to be involved in!)*

- For **all the above** current and developing workers, ministries, and projects... including the LINC SOUTH TEXAS vision
- For the **LINC SOUTH TEXAS Board**-- active participants and visionary leaders in our expanding urban and cross-cultural mission efforts
- For our search and calling of a new **Lead Mission Developer (Executive Director)** for **LINC SOUTH TEXAS**... that it be the person the Lord has been preparing for this role.
- For all of **Christ's people, especially in partner congregations throughout South Texas**, that the Holy Spirit would supply his vision and his gifts broadly for the expansion of Christ's Kingdom in the hearts of so many people who need what only Jesus can provide!

Comunidad Cristiana Elevate

Jaime Durkin | Garland

Featured Evangelists

Joel Hardy

The Edge Church | Azle

Rachel Hardy

The Edge Church | Azle

See all God is doing with these evangelists in Area C and how you can be praying for them: <https://txlcms.org/evangelists-spreading-across-texas/>

Lutheran Schools

Salem Lutheran School

Dr. Amy Boatman | Tomball



- Praise for the great support of our pastors that makes serving at Salem a joy
- Praise for our visiting accreditation team and the positive report from them
- Praise for a beautiful, fun day of fellowship as we held our first All Staff Crawfish Boil and BBQ
- Praise for new "innovation Lab" for our students (see picture on left)

Concordia Lutheran High School

Julie Kangas | Tomball



- Pray as we seek a new Head of School and Director of Finance, that we find who God has planned for us
- Pray as we seek new staff members to fill open teaching positions for the next school year, as well as a long-term maternity sub
- Pray for several staff members with aging parents in care facilities
- Pray for a great end to our year and a restful summer



*We pray for the ministries and servants of the Gospel in the Texas District to...
STRENGTHEN CONGREGATIONS to reach the lost,
disciple the saved,
and care for people - locally and globally.*

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