

La Misión de San Lucas is an Anglican mission sharing the gospel with the 176,000 Latinos residing in the Kansas City.



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Face to Face with the Results of Unjust Child Labor Practices

We just finished five weeks of English classes with good amount of students. The classes were offered both at Christ Church Mission in the evening and our Latino church in Kansas City, Kansas in the morning. In spite of the challenges of winter weather **23 students** registered for the classes.

The first week of classes we sang bilingual worship songs, followed by reading the Bible by the third week. By the end of our time together we have been worshipping God, listening to His word and making cross-cultural friendships. All the while teaching basic conversational English.

The biggest challenge this semester was one of our students from Guatemala. Yudi recently marched with a caravan of co-patriots crossing into Mexico and then onto the US border. Upon crossing the Rio Grande he was apprehended by the border guards and applied for asylum. He was released and sent to Kansas City under the custody of his brother.

That's when Yudi came into contact with La Misión de San Lucas. He was under strict orders by the US immigration to take English classes. When he joined our class at Christ Church Mission he had only been in the US for two weeks. Yudi was struggling with our curriculum which is based on Spanish grammar. I asked him how much schooling he had and he told me that he dropped out of school in the 3rd grade to join his father in the mountains surrounding his village picking coffee beans. Not only was he struggling to pronounce English, he struggles to read in Spanish as well. Now 17 year old Yudi, who reads and writes in his native language at a third grade level, is expected to learn a foreign language. Pray with us as we mull over how to effectively teach an oral-based English class. That's outside my wheelhouse for sure.



Fun' Raisin' in Florida

Last year I shut down my thrift store on September 31st. After 7 years as a bi-vocational pastor I was ready to go full-time in God's work. That decision thrust me into that dreaded position of needing to raise funds. Every full-time worker I have met in para church organizations do not refer to fund raising as fun. But ever since I "quit my day job", I have felt an unquenchable confidence that I was moving in the center of God's will and that He would provide. I have actually enjoyed meeting with friends one-on-one to talk about my vision. And even if people are not able to join our support team they do agree to pray for us: the best support ever.

What a blast it was to reconnect with Bob and Laura Casper in Vero Beach, Florida for a mission conference at their church. (Laura was a founding board member of the mission and Bob has always helped where needed.) That is when fund raising turned to absolute fun raising. Five days in Florida in February where the temperatures reached 79 degrees! Sign me up. The good news was that Christ Church Vero Beach is now a supporter of La Misión de San Lucas.

We are still seeking individual and family supporters. Currently, we have 15 and our goal is 30. We are half-way there. Will you be number 16?



Health Report

The latest report on my cancer condition is fantastic. My PSA number dropped from 388 in August to .55 in February. Praise be to God. Thanks for your prayers and concern. Gloria and I feel supported and loved.



Director of the Mission, Gene Flanery has served in missions since 1982 and is an ordained Anglican priest and serves as a church planter within the Church for the Sake of Others diocese. In spite of a recent diagnosis of cancer Gene is launching a focused outreach to open new churches among the Latinos in Kansas City. They are looking for new financial partners and volunteers to help in their outreaches. If you are interested in being part of the team in 2020 please contact Gene. (913) 706-6766 or gflanery2010@gmail.com