

August 26, 2009

Dear Partner in Mission:

Over the past two years, I have been invited to make presentations at 33 out of our 39 Circuit Winkels. As a result, I have met many of you and pray that our partnership in ministry was strengthened.

I have also met many people in our Texas District who I call "missionaries." These men and women include ordained, commissioned and lay who lead the outreach mission in our district. Enclosed is a print of many of their pictures. Their faces represent 66 missions and agencies who share the Gospel in over 15 different languages and whose ministries reflect 37% of the Texas District's budget. I invite you to find an 8.5" x 11" frame and post this print in your office as a reminder to pray for the outreach mission in our Texas District.

The almighty Lord is working His will through the power of the Holy Spirit and the ministries of the 354 congregations that make up the Texas District. Your congregation is valuable partner on that team.


September 20 is designated as **Texas Partners in Mission Sunday**. Churches can certainly celebrate Texas Partners in Mission on another Sunday. I hope you will take this opportunity to help your members see the outreach of the Gospel which immediately surrounds your church, and also the broad outreach when we work together as congregations in the Texas District.

I invite you to expand our partnership and to encourage your members to become a partner. **Enclosed are some resources to help you.** Electronic versions are also available on my website at <http://www.txdistlcms.org/tpim/resources.html>.

1. **Bulletin Insert...**please include this with your worship materials on September 20, or a day of your choosing. The insert invites people to respond personally and mail their intention to the District Office.
2. **Bulletin Articles...**please include these to help prepare your membership.
3. **Sermon...**no specific sermon is included, but the story of Pentecost in Act 2 encourages us to follow the example of faith shown by the disciples. The "before & after" story of what happens when God works His power through the Holy Spirit is dramatic and should give us hope for our personal situation. ***Your words of conviction can help empower people to take this step of faith.***

If you have any questions about Texas Partners in Mission, feel free to call me at 1-800-951-3478, or directly on my cell phone at 1-817-368-4438 (GIFT). You may also contact your Mission and Ministry Facilitator. May God richly bless your ministry.

Your Partner in the Gospel,



Michael Fuchs, Director of Development