

Introducing the

*Latin
American
Lutheran
Mission*



What is the LALM

The Latin American Lutheran Mission is an independent Lutheran mission focused on proclaiming the Gospel in Mexico.



◆ It is the parent and now partner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico, training and equipping the people of Mexico to fulfill Christ's "Great Commission".

How Did This Ministry Begin?

In 1943 two Lutheran single missionaries Myrtle Nordin and Aileen Lindahl began to work in Mexico. It came to be called the Latin American Lutheran Mission. Their strategy was to train nationals through a Bible Institute to be pastors, evangelists, and leaders. These trainees were sent out with the mandate to preach and teach the Good News and the result was the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico. The ELCM is the largest Lutheran presence in the country serving northeastern Mexico within a 180 mile radius of Monterrey, the third largest city in Mexico.

What is Unique About the LALM?

LALM does not send ~~expatriate~~ ^{resident} missionaries into Mexico. Rather, Mexicans are trained for leading their own congregations and missions.

Where is LALM Headquartered?

LALM has its mission border station in Laredo, Texas with housing for the directors, a guest house, Gospel Bookstore, Bethel Lutheran Church and a dormitory for groups coming through to serve the Lutheran Church of Mexico.



What are some of the Characteristics of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico?

The church of Mexico loves to sing and praise the Lord with simplicity, joy and enthusiasm. They are known for their hospitality and love, and for their faithful preaching of the Word of God. From them we can learn much.



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What are Some of the Special Needs and Concerns of the ELCM?

The New Testament challenge to be self-sustaining and to grow both numerically and spiritually is the church's challenge around the world, and also in Mexico. The challenge to build and upgrade their places of worship, parsonages, and educational space remains and on-going need and short term groups through the mission have been a huge help in this and other areas.



Pray for the ELCM as it enters a new chapter of its life in Mexico. Pray for fresh vision for its leaders, anointing for its pastors and workers, and that the Lord of the Harvest would send forth additional harvesters. Pray for the growth of the church in boldness and maturity.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

How Can I Become a Partner with LALM in its Ministry with the ELCM?

- Become a prayer warrior.
 - ✓ Subscribe to our bimonthly newsletter The Clarion by calling 800-332-9232
- Become a financial partner:
 - ✓ Help us provide VBS materials for several thousand children each summer.
 - ✓ Support a Bible Institute student.
 - ✓ Become a monthly giver.
 - ✓ Consider including LALM in your estate planning.
 - ✓ Include LALM as a target of giving for your church's various groups.
 - ✓ Want to help with the education of Mexican pastors' kids and with the pastors' continuing education?
- Use your abilities & influence.
 - ✓ Provide quilts, layettes, school kits, health kits for kids and families in Mexico. Ask for the brochure MK.



- Take a vacation with a purpose at Laredo and visit the church of Mexico. Ask for the brochure VWAP.



- ✓ Promote a mission program about LALM in your congregation.

You Have A Ministry with LALM

If your heart responds to the challenge of coming to the border for a few days or weeks to help us, you will be a blessing to the church of Mexico, and create a link between your congregation and theirs. God can use you to touch the lives of people in a different country and culture. He can use them to touch and change your life and increase your faith. You will gain a new perspective on the church, missions, God's blessings, and your partnership with him.

LALM Border Station Information

Gospel Bookstore & LALM Office

3519 Salinas Avenue
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956-722-4047

LALM Guest House

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**LALM: Partnering with ELC-M
to Proclaim the Gospel!**

LALM is a faith ministry

This mission receives no funding from any church synod or denomination. Its sole support is from individuals and churches, youth groups, and Sunday Schools who are interested in missions as well as from bequests and gifts from people the Lord moves to share in bringing the Gospel to Mexico.

Your gifts for LALM can be sent to:

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LALM's Board of Directors

Membership on The Board of the LALM is open to committed Christians both lay and clergy from across the spectrum of Lutheranism. Our board members are listed on the LALM website.

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