



On May 1, The Southeastern District Convention will conclude the **Ablaze! For God's Mission** campaign.

"I believe that people all over our District want **Ablaze! For God's Mission** to succeed, and I remain convinced that there are many who are ready and willing to provide a one-time gift in order to help make it happen," says SED President Jon Diefenthaler.



- Our goal is \$6 million to support new mission projects in our District and its Circuits as well as in the world beyond us through LCMS World Missions.
- More than \$5.5 million in commitments from 102 congregations and 152 individual donors have been received.
- As a result, 23 new missions are already being funded in the District.

### Today is **Ablaze! Miracle Sunday**

- It is a special District-wide Lenten offering.
- The hope is to raise \$200,000.
- When this is added to the commitments of SED congregations and individuals currently completing their campaign efforts, it will bring us to the \$6 million goal.
- Please make checks payable to your congregation and use the enclosed designated envelope.

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*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

## A Mission Outreach Update - Ethnic Ministries

"Are there witches in this area who harm newborn babies?" Mission Developer Brandon Martin was asked as he visited a young couple. "I had visited Sergio and Angélica expecting to talk about soccer. But when I entered, another topic was troubling the minds of this Mexican couple pregnant with their first child. They were sorting through the truth and lies of superstitions they grew up with in Mexico.

"The door was flung wide open for me to share that neither special objects nor superstitious practices protect us from the evil of Satan and this world – but we have God himself as our refuge and strength. The God who gave this couple their baby is the same God who gave his own Son to save their child from the powers of evil!"

Rev. Martin was in the right spot at the right time. God used him in a mighty way to share the real story of life and life eternal.

Rev. Martin is developing a new outreach to Spanish-speaking people in Hickory NC. This ministry is being funded in partnership with St. Stephens through the **Ablaze! For God's Mission** campaign and is one of six new ethnic-specific ministries.



### New Ethnic Ministries

- Calvary Mekane-Yesus (Ethiopian), Silver Spring MD
- New Hope (African Immigrant), Laurel MD
- Hispanic Outreach, Ascension, Landover Hills MD
- Hispanic Circuit Rider, Circuit 9 Northern VA
- Chinese Ministry at St. Paul's, Falls Church VA
- Catawba County Hispanic Outreach, Hickory NC
- Bethany (African Immigrant), Alexandria VA

Your participation in this Miracle Sunday will help to shape a miracle, one that is directed by God as new people are reached with the Gospel.

