

"All that has breath praise the LORD!"

Five of the youth from YLM's partnering churches in Chihuahua, along with Pastor Tovar and his wife, attended the 2026 Mexico Youth Gathering, along with 45 other youth, pastors, and adult chaperones from Lutheran churches across Mexico.

Psalm 150:6 was the theme this year, and with great joy, these youth breathed praise through Bible study, devotions, fellowship, activities, and even learning to navigate the new Spanish Lutheran Hymnal with the help of Rev. Alejandro López, one of its contributors. Pastor Tovar shared afterwards, "It was a blessing to get to know them better. Parents were overjoyed for the experience their children received.

We give thanks for all who gave towards this opportunity for the faith-growth of these youth!



New Shepherds for YLM Partner-Churches in Mexico



The last two weeks of July welcomed two new pastors to the Cd. Juarez churches. Pastor Oscar Saavedra, serving at La Santa Biblia, arrived in time to join a VBS, lead two house blessings, and connect with YLM Servant Event participants.

Pastor Guillermo Leyva, serving at Cristo Rey, arrived in time to attend a church fundraising event, coordinate upcoming Sunday services, and meet the church leadership. We are so blessed to have years of prayers answered!



We invite you to be part of these ministries through giving for pastoral support.



Give for Pastoral Support

Ephesians 4:11-16



16%

LWML RMD Grant for Mexico Missions



YLM received a \$10,000 grant to help support the Mexico missions' education and mercy ministries. Christian literature will be purchased for faith-growth of children, youth, and adults while their Children's ministries will receive continued funds to provide weekly meals to 60+ kids.



From Missouri to Arizona to California, Spreading the Gospel Mariachi-Style



This summer, Mariachi San Pablo (MSP) carried the Gospel across the country, using music to worship, build relationships, and celebrate the unity we share in Christ.

In May, MSP traveled to St. Louis for the Multiethnic Symposium at Concordia Seminary, sharing mariachi-style Lutheran hymns during chapel, the Hymn Festival, and All Nations Sing. In July, they traveled to Phoenix for the 69th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, where more than 3,000 pastors, delegates, church workers, and lay leaders gathered. Their music brought people together in worship and introduced many to YLM's music ministry.

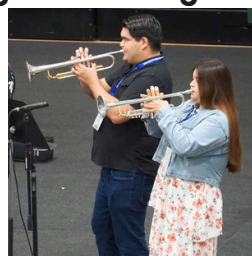
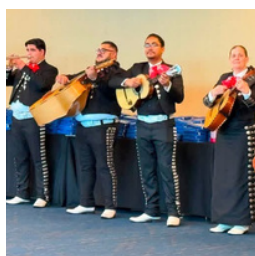
Just days later, nine members headed to Irvine, California, where nearly 200 people celebrated 100 years of Hispanic ministry in the LCMS at the National Hispanic Convention. MSP played during the opening service and gala dinner, while several members joined other musicians to form a praise band for daily devotions. Enjoyment for their music was evident in the faces of all who were present.

In Irvine, another door opened when an Iowa District pastor who oversees five congregations approached MSP about bringing his churches together for one worship service, with MSP assisting with the music. With the group traveling to the Orphan Grain Train Convention in Norfolk, Nebraska this September, plans are being explored to include the Iowa visit.

**From Missouri to Arizona to California, the purpose remains the same:
Proclaim Christ and bring His Church together through music.**



Photo Courtesy of Concordia Seminary - St. Louis



- Adelante Ministries -

MUSIC CLASSES

- Guitar, Violin, Piano, Trumpet -

- September 14th - November 16th

Ages 8 & older are welcome

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Adelante Ministries Receives Instrument Grant

Summer began on a high note for YLM's Adelante Ministries with the exciting news of a Guitar Center grant! Throughout the summer, instruments began arriving, including three guitars, four trumpets, and a brand-new drum set, just in time for fall music classes beginning in September. Adelante Ministries welcomes students of ages 8 and older to discover and develop their musical gifts through classes in guitar, violin, piano, and trumpet.

New
Episodes!



Forward
Through
Adelante Faith
En La Fé



Orphan Grain Train +

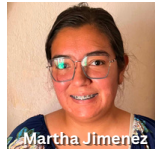
Mariachi San Pablo will be at the OGT
Convention in Norfolk, NE on Sep 11-12!

Stay in School Scholarships

The Stay in School Scholarship program continues to grow, from two students for the 2020–2021 school year to eight recipients for the 2026–2027 school year as of now. Through the generosity of those who give, children, youth, and young adults in Mexico receive supplemental support to remain in school, continue learning, and pursue a brighter future.

We are blessed to introduce this year's scholarship recipients.

More than financial assistance, each scholarship reminds these students they are not alone as they work toward their goals and the future ahead.



Martha Jimenez



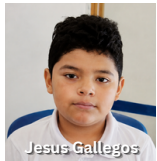
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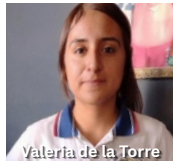
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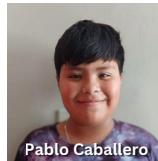
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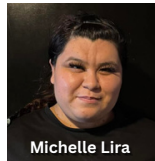
Jesús Gallegos



Valeria de la Torre



Pablo Caballero



Michelle Lira

Mercy Distributions

Partnerships strengthened YLM's Mercy ministry this summer. With San Pablo Lutheran Church and community partners, 270 backpacks were distributed and 32+ free haircuts provided, along with school supplies and community resources for families.



Through our partnership with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger, more than 42,000 pounds of food were distributed, serving 606 households, that's 1,399 individuals, through YLM's Saturday Food Pantry Drive-Thru. Together, we can continue meeting needs and sharing Christ's love through simple acts of kindness.



CHRISTMAS JOY DISTRIBUTION

Boys/Girls (18 mo to 12 yrs)
\$10 - \$12 per toy
Gift Cards welcomed!

Mail Gift Cards to: YLM Joy Distribution
301 S. Schutz Dr., El Paso, TX 79907

**Let's make this 2026
Christmas a time of love,
giving, and celebration!**

**Scan to
donate
today!**

YLM Human Care

STRIKE UP Kindness

BOWLING TO CHANGE LIVES

1ST ANNUAL BOWLING EVENT

\$240 per lane for 8 people (\$40 per person)
(Not local? Sponsor a lane for a church youth group!)

September 26, 2026, 1 - 3 pm, Oasis Lanes, 1660 North Zaragoza, 79936

DOOR PRIZES!

What is Mission Work?

Mission work is more than building houses, leading clinics, distributing food, or hosting VBS. It is sharing God's love in Christ through His Word. This summer, eight families received homes, Bibles, and prayer, while more than 200 children, youth, and adults experienced Christ's love through service and fellowship. At YLM, the projects open doors, but sharing the Gospel is the mission.

Will you join us in our mission to grow God's kingdom?

2027 Servant Event Calendar is Open!

Call (915) 858-2588
or email
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for information.

Thank you!



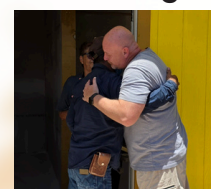
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A new season is unfolding across the Borderland, and we invite you to see how God continues to work through **Your Lutheran Mission's Mercy, Music, and Missions** on the Border. From familiar faces to new beginnings, this summer reminded us ministry grows through relationships, faithful service, and people willing to answer God's call.

As you turn the pages of our **Summer/Fall Newsletter**, we hope you celebrate with us, discover something new, and see the many ways God is at work through His people. With each new opportunity to serve comes a greater need for those willing to pray, give, serve, and walk alongside this ministry. Thank you for being part of this mission as, together, we continue *"changing lives every day through simple acts of kindness"*.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at YLM

The following options exists to donate to YLM:

- Mail a **check payable** to **Ysleta Lutheran Mission** at 301 S. Schutz Drive, El Paso, TX 79907
- **Donate online** through our website: **www.ylm.org**
- Designate **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to YLM
- Donate through **VANCO**: call (915) 858-2588
- Scan the **QR code** to become an **Amigos de Ysleta** to support our on-going ministry!
- Give us a call about **Legacy Giving**!



YLM welcomes **stock donations** to support our impactful mission.

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