

La Misión de San Lucas is an interdenominational Mission serving the 40,000 Latinos of Wyandotte County (Kansas City, Kansas).

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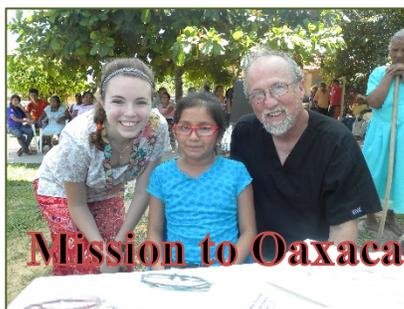


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## Celebrating the Year

Three years ago I began a process of engaging the Latino population in Kansas City, Kansas. I started the important task of discernment of how I could be active in their lives while serving them the spirit of the gospel. In the fall of 2011, I initiated a movement that came to be known as La Misión de San Lucas (a.k.a. The Mission of St. Luke). This is based on Jesus' farewell address to his home church (synagogue) in Luke 4 in which He describes his mission as preaching the gospel to the poor and setting captives free from spiritual, psychological and physical enslavement. My first response was to start English classes, next came a soccer camp for underprivileged Latino kids, a year later I started a thrift store to meet the demands for affordable furniture and household goods for immigrant families. Finally, after studying the gospels for 6 months with a group of Latinos, I launched a Spanish congregation in April of this year. Five Latino families (most of them former English students) and myself and one couple from Christ Church of Overland Park joined together to form a community that is trying to touch the nerve of the Latino community. We are still in that process.

2014 has been a good year at the Mission of St. Luke. My ordination into the Anglican Communion was a mile stone accomplished after a long discernment process and lots of study. Another joy this year besides all the activities listed above was my return to Oaxaca on a great mission trip. More recently I was able to lead a young man who is trying to leave his gang life behind him to the Lord. I want to thank all of those who have been praying for me and supporting our mission in tangible and financial ways. We could not do what we are doing without you.



**Save the Date!**  
**January 18, 2015 6 p.m.**  
**in Common Grounds**  
**The Mission of St. Luke**  
a celebration of 3 years of ministry  
Food, silent auction, testimonies.

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### **Announcement: End of the year giving**

Christmas season is upon us. Please consider the Mission of St. Luke in your end of the year giving. We have been a valid non-profit organization since last year. We received our 501 (c) 3 status in the spring of 2013. MSL is currently raising funds (\$12,000) to open a new location for their thrift store and ministry center to better serve their community. The goal for the new location is to create jobs, provide more space for merchandise, provide better parking for customers and have a dedicated classroom for our English classes. Join with us in making a lasting impact in our community. MSL is not financially supported by any church so relies on the generosity of individuals and families like you. Thanks for supporting our mission.

### **Christmas Greetings**

2000 years ago Jesus, the Lord of the Universe, was born away from home because of a foreign census. He immediately had to flee for his life from the violence of the local governor. He spent the first years of his life as undocumented alien in Egypt before returning to his home town of Nazareth. As we celebrate this Christmas, let's remember those who are living away from home in our midst. Pray for us as we attempt to minister to them and welcome them in our community. God bless you and your family richly this holiday season.



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**Thanks so much for your continuing Generosity. You have truly been a team member with us in the Gospel. Have a blessed holiday.**

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*Gene & Gloria Flanery*