

*“And they shall be My people,  
and I will be their God ... I will  
rejoice in doing them good, and I  
will plant them in this land in  
faithfulness, with all My heart and  
all My soul.”*

Jeremiah 32: 38, 41

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### The Local Impact of Fan Into Flame

Look no further than Oxnard, California to see funds raised by **Fan into Flame** at work. In the words of Missionary-at-Large Rev. Dennis Bradshaw, what he has been able to do is “to get the Word of God out in visual and audio form to illiterate people in need.” You can hear the excitement in his voice as he talks about his work.

He and his wife Tara began their outreach in January 2008 to members of the Mixteco tribe who work the berry fields in that part of California. Along with lay leader (and now Deacon) Xavier Velasco, they started by addressing the basic physical needs of these impoverished workers. Bringing food to homes that often consist of extended families under one roof was the beginning of this social ministry. By necessity, communication was done orally, since members of the tribe have their own dialect.

Funds provided by **Fan into Flame** enabled Dennis to produce DVDs that communicate Bible stories to the people, which Deacon Xavier speaking and acting to illustrate God’s message. This initiative falls under the Cross Cultural Ministries component of the Pacific Southwest District’s **Fan into Flame** case statement.

The **Fan into Flame** umbrella is large, raising funds that reach people across the globe. But the impact is felt right here at home as well. Is your congregation ready to engage in this vital mission program? For information on how you can participate, please call Tony Perito, Campaign Director for the district, at 949-854-3232 or 502-468-3126.



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The Pacific Southwest District joyfully joins with other Missouri Synod Lutherans throughout the country in support of **Fan into Flame**. While providing LCMS World Mission needed funds to share the Good News of Jesus throughout North America and around the world, the Pacific Southwest District plans to allocate 15% of net unrestricted gifts offered by our members toward local outreach.