

A Special Christmas Gift Opportunity

Let's help Bishop Gomez shelter God's people and "Raise the Roof"!!!



Bishop Medardo Gomez of the Lutheran church in El Salvador is recognized around the world as a theologian and human rights advocate. In 1992, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition for his work to end the war in El Salvador. Though his ministry has grown to become global in scope, he continues to serve as Pastor of the Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, located in one of the most impoverished areas of El Salvador, was created in 1972 when two houses were fused together to create a sanctuary. During the war years (1977—1992), the church was so busy saving lives that there was no time build a permanent building. One evening in 1985 in an attempt to kill Bishop Gomez, an outspoken leader, armed forces broke into Resurrection and further damaged the building. Bishop Gomez has always used available funds for feeding, sheltering and educating the poor, especially the children. After the war, in the wake of poverty, violence and homelessness, the congregation founded a grade school (Colegio Luterano Salvadoreno) and a homeless shelter and feeding ministry (The Hope House).

Resurrection Lutheran Church was falling apart —greatly damaged by the war and earthquakes over the years. The sanctuary that served thousands of people was no longer safe. Pastor Christian Chavarria is inspiring international leader and artist whose home church is Resurrection Lutheran. Christian's relationship with Bishop Gomez developed when he was a 13 year old refugee who had suffered terribly from the civil war. In thanks for the ways Bishop Gomez saved his life, Christian promised, "When I grow up, I will build a new church."

Thanks to everyone who helped and prayed, construction began for a new church. The foundation needed to be set deeper with more reinforcement to withstand earthquakes. The Salvadoran government required historical components of the building be preserved. All of the funds raised so far have now been used to complete the solid foundation, earthquake resistant structure extending up to the roof beams and tower, bathrooms and walls up to shoulder height. If all of the funds are raised now, we hope to dedicate the new church in 2017.

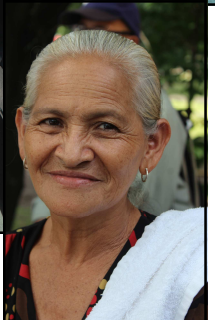
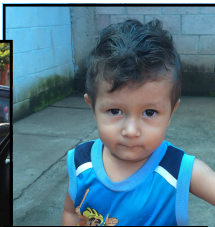
**We need your help to complete the construction of
Resurrection Lutheran Church.**

**Please help us raise the additional funds as a
Christmas present for the people of El Salvador.**

\$35,000 is needed to raise the roof and to begin
worship in the new church.

\$145,000 is needed to complete the building!

*"We must be a light where
the darkness is!"
says Bishop Gomez.*





Artist Pastor Christian Chavarria

For more information, please visit
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YES! I WANT TO PARTICPATE IN BUILDING RESURRECTION!

Here is my gift of:

☐ *I will pray for this project daily until the new church is built.*

- ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 (with any of these gifts you will purchasing your own tile in a special thanksgiving mosaic)
☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ other \$ _____

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Checks can be made out to Pilgrim Lutheran Church, with "Build Resurrection" on the memo line OR by donating on-line to <http://www.tiny.cc/give2pilgrim>. Under Outreach, donate to Build Resurrection.

All donations are tax exempt. 100% of all donations will go directly to the Build Resurrection Campaign via Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 4300 N. Winchester Ave., Chicago, IL 60613

I (we) hereby authorize Pilgrim Lutheran Church to initiate automatic debits to my (our) credit card beginning on the first business day on or after the ___ 1st or ___ 15th of the following month, and continuing on a monthly basis.

Amount of Each Gift: \$_____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

To inquire about a stock donation, change or cancel the online giving arrangement anytime by contacting Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 773-477-4824.



(Left) Poverty in the neighborhood of San Miguelito, where Resurrection is located.

(Right) Children at Hope House Ministry, which feeds over 1,500 meals a month and provides shelter and services with adults and children living in the streets.

