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My name is losmar Alvarez from Cuba. I have been serving in the United Methodist Church as part time Local Pastor for the Hispanic churches. I really believe in education, but since I did not have the means to obtain quality theological training, I was hesitant and discouraged. I had lost all hope when Tom Smith and his team introduced me to the MEF scholarship opportunity. I am fully committed to give my best and do my best to honor those who made the sacrifice to invest in people like me, a young pastor with a growing family and a part time salary, an immigrant with no relationships in this wonderful country whatsoever.

I want to express my gratitude to the United Methodist Church for all the time, effort and investment in my spiritual formation. The Kentucky Conference has been my family all these years, from the moment I lost my first wife in a car accident serving in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to today. You have been always near; I just need to open my heart, make a phone call, send an e-mail and the hands of the Conference are there to nurture me, support me and guide me through the storm.

The Hispanic Church is growing. I have planted three churches out the twelve that we have in the Conference. People are coming to Christ, being baptized and the gospel is being preached to the nations. I came to the conference with nothing in my hands, and today by the grace of God I will be graduating this December 2011 with a Master in Divinity, and I will be Commissioned at the 2011 Annual Conference as Elder. Thank you Kentucky Conference for your love and support all these years.



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Our Mission Covenant
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—Jeremiah 29:11

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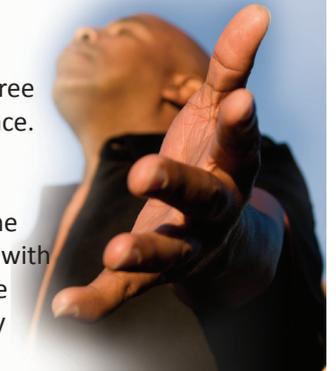
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