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Rev. Roberto Simental Biography

Rev. Roberto Simental was born on December 29, 1946 in El Paso, Texas. He went through elementary and high school in El Paso. After graduating from high school he went to the U.S. Army taking basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. From there he went to A.I.T. training at Ft. Gordon, Georgia. He served with the First Cavalry (Airmobile) Division in South Vietnam from January 1968 to June 1969. Later he joined the 40th Division of the California National Guard from 1974 to 1984.

Rev. Simental became a member of Zion Lutheran Church in El Paso on January 1985. On September of 1987 Rev. Simental began his preparation for the Holy Ministry with the Hispanic Institute of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He started Spanish Bibles classes and a Spanish service at Zion Lutheran. Also he was a missionary student at San Pablo Lutheran Mission in Ysleta, Texas. At San Pablo he gave Bible classes and helped at the Food Pantry and was a member of the Evangelism Outreach Board.

From 1997 – 1998 was his vicarage at Hospital Del Alma Lutheran Church at Homestead, Florida. While there he served the migrant workers in the area, giving Bible classes, teaching English as a Second Language and giving citizenship classes. At the church he gave First Communion classes, help the pastor with the service, food pantry, youth group, and volunteered as chaplain at the local hospital.

He was installed as pastor of El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church in McAllen, Texas on March 28, 1999. While at El Buen Pastor he did two services (English and Spanish) on Sunday. He served as teacher for the Hispanic Institute of Theology (Now known as Center for Hispanic Studies). He was a member of the Frontera Board for the Synod. Also as a Stephen Leader, gave classes of Stephen Ministry to Lutheran Social Services staff of the McAllen and Harlingen offices.

Pastor Simental is married to Norma Simental. There is one daughter also named Norma and has the nick name Norma Jr. She has a little boy named Ivan, aged 11.

Pastor Simentals' hobbies are reading, listening to "good music", watching old movies of the 30's and 40's (comedies), watching college football games (especially Texas A & M and USC), hiking, and collecting cups.

Norma's hobbies are making jewelry, collecting angels, crafts, sewing, and cooking.

Norma's Jr.s hobbies are watching comedy films, making jewelry, drawing, and listening to all kinds of music.

Ivan's hobbies are listening to Beatles music, likes to draw, watch comedy films, and reading. He will also be a new Fifth Grader at Redeemer Lutheran School. He is very excited about his new school.

Part of the Simental family are a calico cat named Chavela and a little Chihuahua dog name Cinnamon (who likes her coffee in the morning).

We are very blessed and happy also to be part of the Redeemer Family!