

## KIMA

Romans 12:13, "Share with God's people who are in need."

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that all has been going well with you that the Lord has continued to bless you as you continue to work in His kingdom. I would like to share with you some of the things that we at KIMA have been working on. We want to serve as a conduit funneling God's gifts to you to His people in need.

### CHRIST THE REDEEMER, NEW DELHI, INDIA

It has been exciting to hear how some of you are making plans to involve yourselves and others in the Kingdom work that the Lord has laid before us as part of KIMA. One person reported that they were working with a bible study group to see if they could sponsor a pastor for one month at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Mission in New Delhi, India. Another person reported that their church was trying to get individual families to sponsor a pastor for one month each. What a privilege to be a part of making it possible for the thirty or so Lutheran families at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran to be nourished by Word and Sacrament and empowered to reach out to the 12 million residents of New Delhi. Our goal is to raise \$8400, 24 x 350, so that they can have two pastors for a year, one who speaks English and another who speaks

the local dialects. If the Lord blessed them with one man who could speak all three languages, they would have enough money for two years. If that would happen, they feel that they could be up and running. Pray about it.

### THE LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MEXICO - SLM

Rev. Abiut Farjado of Mexico City (President of the SLM) and Rev. Mike Wakeland (Area Director for Mexico for LCMS) of Guadalajara are working at fine-tuning the Ministry plan for the SLM. This Ministry plan includes: identifying and training of leaders in the local congregation and the church at large; meeting the needs of the youth, developing outreach strategies; planting new churches; and instilling sound stewardship principles. These are all things that are necessary before we will be able to see the growth that we are all so eagerly awaiting. While these things are being put into motion, the pastors and the

deaconess who lead, struggle to put food on the table while trying at the same time to find time to minister to the needs of God's church. The Synod also needs help in funding these new programs. We have committed ourselves to helping out for the next three years.

They have ten different preaching stations. They are all in need of assistance. Right now we are dividing the gifts that we get for the SML equally between personal help (food on the table) and developing and carrying out programs. I want to assure you that the need is great.

They also have need of volunteers to help them on building projects. CAN-DO will more than likely pick up the major building projects but we could send groups to repair pews etc.

These people need to know that they are loved and an important part of God's Kingdom. They are out there on the cutting edge sharing the Good News that there is a God of love out there who came to give so that we might have eternal life with Him.

These are dedicated men and women who understand the love of God and have a desire to share that with others. These are people who also want to work with us as brothers and sisters, working

shoulder to shoulder, learning from and teaching each other.

If your church would like to partner with another church and reach out to help one of these churches we would be happy to contact Rev. Abiut Farjado for you. Pray for them!

TOMAHARA (spelling?) INDIANS  
CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO  
REV. HAGEN

Last week I talked with a Rev. Hagen who is doing work among the Tamahara Indians who live in the mountains southwest of the capital city of Chihuahua. This pastor has been working in this area for 10 years. He works part time in the state of Washington and the rest of the year down in Mexico. During the time he has been down there they have built schools, roads, water ponds, and a hatchery. He conducts worship services and ministers to their whole needs, body, mind, and soul. These are the same Indians we tried to help several years ago with the beans that the people at Messiah Lutheran Church in Bullock Creek/Midland Michigan collected. Pastor Hagen told me that the drought this year has made conditions the worst he has seen in the 10 years he has been there. The crops are bad and food is scarce.

Pastor Hagen doesn't believe in just handing out free food. He is part of a group called "Friends of Literacy in Mexico." He is concerned about a person's dignity and how they feel about themselves. He offers them work. They are the ones who built the church, school, etc. He pays them in food. Earlier this year he received \$2000 from a church in California. He said because of the tremendous need he sees, he could use \$5000 now. People may very well be starving very soon. Unfortunately, these are people who are not very high on anybody's priority list. Pray for them because I have a sneaky feeling they are on God's priority list.

**SAN LORENZO - CHIHUAHUA**  
Rev. Martin Tovar and Rev. Misael Tovar continue to their ministries in Chihuahua and San Lorenzo. We continue to send each of them \$250 a month to help in their work. Pastor Martin Tovar continues to work with the Tamahara Indians in the city of Chihuahua and in the mountains. He also helps out with an orphanage in the mountains. Misael Tovar goes to San Lorenzo, conducts some Bible studies and works with the youth.

**W**hether it is the starving Indians in Mexico, the struggling mission in New Delhi in need of a pastor, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico trying to get things off the ground, or the ministries in Chihuahua and San Lorenzo, they are all loved by the Lord of the Harvest as He reaches out to them through us.

Please, pray for them and for people to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit. If you personally can't help out right now in any of these areas, would you, please, talk to other people, churches, or groups and share with them the need the Lord has laid upon us?

The question always is, "How much time do we have left to spread the Good News?"

Any gifts that you could send at this time should be earmarked for the particular mission the Lord has moved you to be a part of. Send the gift to either KIMA, 109 Noel, Waxahachie, TX 75165 or Christ the King Lutheran Church, 301 Hwy. 287 Bypass West, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

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