

December Newsletter 2002

A Step Forward in Faith

“Share with God’s people
who are in need.”

Romans 12:13

Using or serving. Those are the two words that went through my mind this morning as I was thinking about Christianity in general and our relationship to Christ in particular. Many try to do “good” things so that they can earn favor with God, blessings here and now or later when we die. Others feel a need to be used by God taking the things He has placed into our care, talents, money, love, etc. to reach the lost and strengthen the weak. I thank the Lord for those of you who are making it possible for this organization, KIMA, to reach out and share the Good News of what God has done and is still doing for each individual born into this world.

Even as we joyfully search to find ways of extending His kingdom here in the United States so the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, an extension of that same Church, are preaching the Word, singing songs with the children, administering the Sacraments, opening new missions, training additional leaders, giving aid to the poor, all in the hope of Christianizing their home country. We have received gifts from over 50 different individuals, congregations, men’s and women’s groups, and Bible study classes. We have received close to \$41,000 that we are distributing to these workers and congregations.

- ◆ We were able to support Pastor Reyes and his family as he finished his preparation to be a pastor in Guasave.
- ◆ We paid for him and his family’s move to Guasave.
- ◆ We provided funds for furnishing the new parsonage in Guasave.
- ◆ We contribute money each month to assist Pastor Reyes in the ongoing ministry in Guasave. (Pastor Isaac says all is working out well for Pastor Reyes in Guasave. He said he has a big smile on his face.☺)
- ◆ We provide assistance each month to help Rev. Abiut Fajardo carry out the office of president of the Synod.
- ◆ We will be providing assistance to the new pastor at Cristo el Rey in Juarez.
- ◆ We assist Pastor Isaac Garcia each month in his ministries to Betania in Rio Bravo, Mesías in the Colonia at Rio Bravo, and Santísima Trinidad in Matamoros.
- ◆ We will be providing the 2nd year’s Sunday School material for each church of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico.
- ◆ We will be providing for the maintenance of the bus that was given to be used by Pastor Isaac in the ministries.
- ◆ We paid for a year’s worth of insurance for the bus that was given to El Calvario in Brownsville.

- ◆ We were able to get 40 gallons of paint for Buen Pastor in McAllen.
- ◆ We paid \$900 to get the 52 passenger bus transferred over so it could be used in Mexico.
- ◆ We were able to give \$2000 to pay on the back taxes for the parsonage in Matamoros.
- ◆ We have pledged to pay for a structural analysis of the church building in Matamoros.
- ◆ We bought 4 cases of Bibles for the mission in Alamo.
- ◆ Because of a most generous gift from Messiah in Bullock Creek, Midland, Michigan we were able to give a \$500 Christmas gift to each pastor in the Lutheran Synod of Mexico.

The list grows week by week as the Lord lays the needs at our doorstep. The Lord then leads others to step up and take up the challenge. Yesterday I got a check and letter from Alive in Christ Lutheran Church in Missouri pledging \$4000 this next year to assist in the ministries. Don't tell me Malachi 3:10 doesn't work. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

It is my prayer that the Lord would multiply the gifts and bless the givers.

Please, keep this ministry in your prayer. Please, tell others about it. And if the Lord should so move you to get further involved, please, contact me at KIMA, 109 Noel, Waxahachie, TX 75165 or at pastor@christtheking.net.

May the Lord walk with you and bless all your ways.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Norman Finke
Director of KIMA

P.S.

I've been asked to put out a plea to help us in providing vitamins for children. This project started when Pastor Isaac and Yolanda asked if we could get vitamins that they could hand out to those in need. Margie Norum from Christ the King in Waxahachie has undertaken this project. She has been going to places like Wal-Mart, HEB etc. trying to get them to donate vitamins. We have found that a small bottle costs around \$5.00. If any of you have access to vitamins or would like to contribute towards the purchase of vitamins contact me at the above address or Margie Norum at 605 Green Acres Drive, Palmer, Texas 75152 or at gipoink@aol.com.