

A Step Forward in Faith



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

Romans 12:13

June 18,2005

I received a letter via e-mail from Pastor Isaac Garcia this week. He sends greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. He thanks God for all the brothers and sisters who support KIMA.

First, he wants to thank all the people who were praying for him and his family. Since he had to be operated on, and thank God it has been done, he gives thanks to each of the people who supported him financially to make it possible for the operation to be done.

He says he is fine and waiting for the doctor to tell him when he can return to his activities and continue the ministry that has been entrusted to them. He closed by saying, “Thank God for everything and may He continue to bless you.”

We at KIMA, also thank you for your prayers and your generosity. It is truly marvelous how God works. He blesses His people. He gifts them, and they in turn show their love for Him by showing compassion to others of the household of God.

We received gifts for this operation from:

- ◆ John & Barbi Wolf
- ◆ Chris & Heather Holder
- ◆ Milo & Beverly Tosch
- ◆ Mike & Kerri Gleason
- ◆ Bill Gleason
- ◆ Ralph & Louise Genz
- ◆ Our Savior Lutheran in McKinney
- ◆ Debbie Montgomery
- ◆ Norma Medenwaldt

Within a week I was able to send Pastor Isaac the \$2000 that was needed for the operation and still have some money left over to pay for any additional medications that might be needed.

Others have sent or are in the process of sending money and are telling us to use it wherever it is needed. President Abiut Fajardo has requested funds:

- ◆ to help out Lili, Pastor Jaziel's widow. She obviously has many expenses after fighting Pastor Jaziel's long battle with cancer.
- ◆ of \$500 for a trip to Mexicali. Pastor Abiut was in Mexicali trying to help out the congregation with some problems that arose after the death of Pastor Rosas last year when he heard of Pastor Jaziel Lopez's death and had to leave to go to Mexico City for the funeral. He needs to return Mexicali to help resolve the problems that he was working on there.
- ◆ of \$7000 to complete the new church building at San Pedro near Guasave. I got a report today that the foundation is complete and they are working on the floor and Pastor Reyes hopes to be in the building by November.

The above needs are in addition to the \$1130 that we incur each month assisting the congregations and some of the pastors of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. In May we sent \$7000 of the \$26,000 that is needed for the construction of the church at San Pedro. We sent \$2550 to Concordia Publishing house for VBS and Bible study materials for the churches of the Mexican Lutheran Synod. We spent almost \$6000 on the Evangelism Conference in Monterrey. All the pastors now have computers and are hooked up to the Internet. Our bank account quickly went from over \$20,000 to less than \$6000. We are not complaining. We are rejoicing. We give thanks to God that He has blessed this work through people like you.

What we need is for some of you to beat the bushes and see if we can't drum up some more help. We will once again have a special retreat for the people in Mexico and it will cost in the neighborhood of \$6000. We will provide needed VBS and Sunday School material. Each year the Lutheran Synod of Mexico has its annual meeting and we pay for the transportation. There is another mission to be built near San Luis Rio Colorado. As soon as the Lutheran Synod of Mexico can get a facility ready for the training of lay pastors we will help support candidates while they train. If we find pastors or lay pastors for congregations in Monterrey, Matamoros, & Mexicali they will need some financial support to get things rolling.

We only have one purpose in Mexico and that is to assist the Lutheran Synod of

Mexico in spreading the good news of what our Savior Jesus Christ has and is doing for their people. They have the desire. They lack the wherewithal to rapidly reach out. The Lord has blessed us with many gifts that the people of Mexico do not have. We can use our gifts to help them. They also have many gifts that many of us don't have. Some of those gifts may simply be things like happiness, contentment, satisfaction, a commitment to family, a smile on their face, and a desire to reach out in love. We go to them to learn from them.

If you could spread the word, talk up our ministry among people it would certainly help. I trust the Lord to provide but I believe He uses people like us, people who have committed themselves to be a part of this ministry, to be His instruments. Prayerfully consider this and what you might possibly do to help.

Rev, Norman Finke
KIMA

P.S.

We now have a couple of hundred brochures that we can share with anyone who can make use of them. I could also e-mail a copy of the master we made so you could print up your own on a 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper.

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After June 28th till the later part of July, I will be on vacation visiting with family. Retirement is great. I will check in via e-mail. So contacts during that time can be made via cell phone 972-935-8017 or via: nfinke_kima@vetec.com