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HMTC

On September 20, 2006 Ralph Genz and I made a trip to Brownsville and McAllen. We met with Rev. Steve Morfitt and later with his group of students that comes every Tuesday to study theology with him. (Ministry preparation.)

Rev. Steve Morfitt mentioned that at his church, El Calvario, they are in need of some major roof repair. The roof leaks quite badly when it rains as was evidenced by buckets that sat around the sanctuary.

As part of the plans of the Frontera group, Rev. Morfitt is trying to organize the **HISPANIC MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER (HMTC) of S. Texas**. This will be where Hispanic men from the U.S. side of the border will be trained to become lay pastors. Rev. Morfitt is hoping to set it up so students can receive some of their training via computer networking. Pastor Morfitt wants to set up a system whereby he can conduct training sessions from his office while the others are at remote sites. Mr. Ralph Genz is working with the Concordia Academy in Austin to receive their older computers as they replace them with new ones. Eventually five computers will be available. The

older ones are only three years old but he believes capable of doing what Pastor Morfitt needs. The specifications for the computers he can get are as follows:

- 2.0GHz Intel Pentium 4 Processor
- 40 GB Hard Drive
- 128 MB Memory
- Integrated Audio
- 48x-20x CD Rom Drive
- 10/100 Ethernet (Required for DSL phone service)
- Windows 2000 Professional.

These computers have an Ethernet interface so they are ready to connect to a DSL line or a network. If they go to a network system, then they will need a Router. The Router connects to the telephone line and all the computers connect to the Router.

Presently Rev. Morfitt is assisting the Lutheran Synod of Mexico by offering training for Mexican people in and around northeastern Mexico. To learn more about this you can go to our website: www.kimamission.org and click on the Link to his site on our 1st page.

If you know anything about networking and computers and maybe are on the cutting edge we could use your suggestions.

TRANSPORTATION For Rev. Samuel Perez



Rev. Samuel Perez lives and works in Monterrey, Mexico. You can become better acquainted with him on our website under Churches/Missions - Monterrey - El Sembrador. Living in a town of nearly 4 million people and monthly teaching pastor training classes two and a half hours away in Rio Bravo he needs personal transportation. Because of NAFTA agreements and taxes he wants a minivan (6 to 7 passenger) that needs to a 92 to 97 model. If anyone can help out, either with funding or a vehicle, please, contact us via one of the email contacts on our website.

Ordination Of Isaac Garcia



Isaac Garcia has served as pastor, treasurer of the Synod, and is certainly an evangelist. We believe that he has completed all the courses that were required of him by the Council of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. He is hoping that his ordination will be on October 15th the anniversary of the dedication of the temple Betania. We are purchasing a set of stoles for him to be given to him for his ordination.

RIO BRAVO FLOODING

When we saw Pastor Isaac on September 19th he said that they had had 7 inches of rain in Rio Bravo. His mother's house had five feet of water in it. The water came up to just below the floor of Mesias in

the colonia. Yolanda said it was a blessing that we brought clothes from Christ the King in Waxahachie for the people down there. The expenses for the trip and taking the ministerial students and pastors out to dinner was a gift from Christ the King. The price of gasoline has increased the cost of these trips also. I think the cost of gasoline last time was around \$200.

Pastor Isaac said that they are having a problem at Betania. When they are having church and turn on the speakers for their instruments the lights in the church go dim. It seems that they need a heavier wire to carry the load. Again, if anyone has the expertise or money to help with this problem, please contact us.

GUASAVE – SAN PEDRO



Recently we sent \$2000 down to Lay Pastor Reyes to put the floor in the new temple they are building at San Pedro. The flooring has been installed in the building. What is left to complete the building is the roof, windows, doors, electrical wiring, plastering, painting, pews, altar, etc. The cost for the slanted roof is estimated to be \$16,000.

Luis, Samuel, and Isaac are willing to go to Guasave and put the roof on the temple. They thought it would take between two or three weeks. They are already worshipping in the shell of this church. If a roof could be put on it, it would be easier to use it during the rainy season.

All these things may seem like just buildings, clothes, computers, etc. They are things that help hold up the prophets hands. They enable these men and women to more effectively share the Good News that there is one true God who loves them, cares for them, and will always walk with them.

Where do you fit in?

- America has been blessed with its systems of law and economics—the principles that made it rich and free.
- The United States is the only nation in the world founded by believers in Jesus Christ who made a covenant with God—dedicating a new nation to God.
- Having what we have, affluence, freedom and divine blessings, Americans should be the most thankful people on earth.
- But along with the blessings comes a responsibility.
- Throughout Scripture, we see only one correct response to abundance: sharing.
- God gives some people more than they need so that they can be channels of blessings to others.
- **2 Corinthians 8:13-14 (New Living Translation)** 13 “Of course, I don't mean you should give so much that you suffer from having too little. I only mean that there should be some equality. 14 Right now you have plenty and can help them. Then at some other time they can share with you when you need it. In this way, everyone's needs will be met.
- **1 John 3:14, 17-18** 14 “If we love our Christian brothers and sisters, it proves that we have passed from death to eternal life. But a person who has no love is still dead...17 But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help--how can God's love be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.”
- **James 2:14-17** 14 “Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone. 15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing,

16 and you say, `Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat well'--but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? 17 So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. Faith that doesn't show itself by good deeds is no faith at all--it is dead and useless.”

- The single most important hindrance to evangelizing the world is the lack of total involvement by members of the Body of Christ.
- Is missions an option for us living in America? The biblical answer is clear. Every Christian in America has some responsibility to get involved in helping the poorer brothers in the Church in other countries.
- God is calling us as Christians to alter our lifestyles, to give up some of the nonessentials of our lives so we can better invest in the kingdom of God.
- There are many ways to get involved. Some cannot give more financially, but they can invest time in prayer and help recruit others. A few are called to go to become more directly involved.

Bottom Line

- Jump on board & become part of KIMA
 - share
 - communicate
 - distribute
 - be an enabler

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