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A time of giving - God gave a promise in Genesis 3 that He would make things right. And when the time was just right He sent His Son wrapped in swaddling cloths to carry out the promise. Not only has He fulfilled the promise but He has sent the Holy Spirit to make that fulfilled promise ours. In that sanctifying Light we have come to love our Father in heaven and as a result of that to love our neighbor, those whom God has placed in our path.

So the result for some of us is -- God gave and now we give. God loved, promised, and fulfilled. That cycle hasn't stopped. God loves the men, women, and children of Guasave and San Pedro. He said never will I forget you, I will be with you always. He touched a lady called Esther who reached out in love to the children who lived in and around San Pedro. The Lord brought Reyes into the fold and sent him and his family to Guasave. A new group called KIMA was just learning how to get involved and the Lord pointed them in the direction of Guasave. Christ the King in Waxahachie jumped on board. Salem Tomball, Messiah Bullock Creek, Michigan, and Our Savior, McKinney joined in.

And in November of this year five men from Rio Bravo drove almost seven hundred miles, one way, in the resurrected blue pick up truck (the Shaw mobile) to give three weeks of their lives to put a roof on the temple at San Pedro. Many of you, moved by your love for the Lord, made it possible by your donations to enable KIMA to cover all the expenses of the trip and the materials for the roof.

These men experiencing God's love, joined in with your love, to share their love using the things that God has provided. It was love in action.



Have heart--will travel

Five men
One altar
One pulpit
Several chairs
And a baptismal font

All in one blue pickup truck



The above items were donated by a church in Minnesota. Bill Atwood brought them to Progresso and Pastor Isaac, Luis, Samuel, Santos and son took them from there.



Here is where the Lord has brought us. As you can see much has been done but there is more that needs to be done. They want to stucco the church inside and outside. Hoses have been put in the walls but at this time there is no wiring for the electricity. They want to put ceramic tile on the floor. There are no doors and no windows. The altar and chancel furnishing shown above will be installed when the building is secure.

Over and above the designated money that we have on hand they estimate that we will need an additional \$6432 to finish the project.

One thing that Pastor Isaac cautioned us about was that the people outside of the church in Guasave are taking advantage of them because they know the money is coming from us in the USA. They feel that local people are over charging. That's one of the reasons the five of them went over to Guasave. They would like some groups to come down and help them finish this church. The best time of the year to work is from now through the spring of the year. Those who have been there in the summer know that it gets pretty hot. So, a few groups with skills to match the needs above would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is interested in putting together a trip, please contact us at one of the contact points listed on the KIMA Website at www.kimamission.org or Bill Atwood at wildmexicobill@earthlink.net.



A member of our Board of Directors, Mr. Ralph Genz, along with the Concordia Academy in Cedar Park, TX, has made it possible for us to receive five computers that can be used in the ministries involving Hispanic ministry. Last week we delivered two computers, a wireless Router and wireless PCI cards to Rev. Steve Morfitt, director of the HISPANIC MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER of S. Texas. It is hoped that these computers will help set up a program in south Texas whereby young Hispanic men studying for the ministry can receive training through a website on the Internet.

We also delivered one computer that will make it possible for Rev. Samuel Perez of Monterrey to communicate both visually and verbally with the other pastors and possible students in Mexico.





We still need a vehicle for Rev. Samuel Perez. He said he needs a vehicle because they live in the parsonage and it is a long way from the Church. They have

worship services three times a week. They have to use a taxi to get around. You have to realize that there are only about twenty active members at El Sembrador in Monterrey and they can pay their pastor only \$200 a month. KIMA provides the rest.

Lack of a car and the distance involved make it difficult for them to carry out their evangelism thrust. In July they conducted Vacation Bible School to use it as an evangelism tool to reach out into the community. They had 60 children and adolescents that attended and their parents attended the closing service. They have all their names and addresses and are attempting to visit them and share the Gospel with them. They ask for your prayers.

We need something like a minivan, something that can transport seven people, preferably an American brand so parts can be easily found, and it has to be a model from the years 1992 - 1997. In talking with Pastor Isaac he felt we could find a vehicle in better shape in the U.S. than they could in Mexico.

We have around \$5000 set aside for this but we have been unable to locate a vehicle that meets the above needs. We had hoped not to pay \$5000 because it will take about a thousand dollars to get the vehicle registered and licensed in Mexico.

If you have ever traveled in south Texas you have seen car after car being towed down to Mexico. Most of them are minivans. Those people are beating us to the punch. If you have any leads contact Mr. Ralph Genz at Irgenz@sbcglobal.net or Mr. Gerdes at n0tx@sbcglobal.net.



I want to thank all of you who sent us some money so that we could give each pastor, the wives, and students a special gift at this time of the year.

I sent each one an e-mail note from us.

President Rev. Álvaro López thanked us and prays that

this Christmas, Emmanuel would reign in our hearts and in our homes and that in the new year God would fill us with happiness, blessings and His love.

Doris Fajardo, wife of Rev. Abiut Fajardo, of Todos Santos in Guadalajara, gave a special thanks to the ladies of Christ the King LWML in Waxahachie for donating to KIMA \$500 to be split up as Christmas gifts among the wives of the pastors. She said, "Thank you very much Pastor Finke to remember us the wives. I want to say on behalf of all the wives of the Pastors of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico that we are grateful to the women of your church. Give an affectionate greeting to Marti on my behalf. May God bless them in great ways."

Pastor Jose Reyes Macias of El Divino Emanuel in Guasave wrote:

Christ's Peace be with you and the organization that you represent. I want to thank all those people that made this Christmas gift of the heart possible and we thank you also for my wife's gift. We from our heart wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is our desire that God would bless your homes.

Check out our website and then pray for these men and women and their ministries.

Please, send any contributions to help in these ministries to:

KIMA 109 Noel Waxahachie, TX 75165

You may earmark them for one of the projects mentioned above or we will use them to help in the overall ministry of KIMA.

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