



November, 2007



Where has the time gone? Did your computer already fall back one hour? Or are you right on time?

How can it already be November, getting ready for Thanksgiving, picking children's Christmas programs, and setting the times for rehearsals? Or maybe you haven't even given it a thought yet. I hear some people say that they are already trying to get their Christmas shopping done. I'm more worried about getting my lawn mowed one last time and getting some winter fertilizer on it. Each of us has different priorities that determine what we need to do next.



In Mexico, as here among us, for some everything goes on as usual, for some plans are being laid, and for some its full speed ahead. For some it is stop and wait. This is where you and I come in. In comparison, economically you and I have been bountifully blessed. What is the minimum wage right now? I had to go to the Internet to find out. As of July 24 of this year it is \$5.85 an hour. That's what many people in Mexico earn per day. So you make plans but without financial support it is very difficult to carry them out. A short term project becomes a long term project or gets dropped all

together. In the meantime it's praying time. They need some of us to join them in daily prayer for some of these projects. Prayer is first on the agenda, not just once but continually. When God's time comes He will give them an answer and God's work will be blessed. These projects may just be waiting for someone here in Texas, Michigan, Arkansas, Missouri, or somewhere else to be touched by the Holy Spirit and to step up to the plate and say, "I want to help." Here are a few or the projects that are in the "praying stage:"



Mesias Lutheran Church

Did you ever wonder why there are so many building in Mexico that are only partly built?



You don't or can't get a bank loan so you gather or save what money you can and build as much as you can. You let it set until you are able to get more money. The building pictured above now has the walls up but no roof. When finished this building will have Sunday School

rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. They want to put on a concrete roof so some day a second floor could be added to the building. The approximate cost of the roof is about 5 to 6 thousand dollars. This is the mission, Mesias (Messiah) in the colonia near Rio Bravo. The colonia does not have paved roads, sewers, or water, but now it does have electricity.



Luis Moreno & his wife Maria

The plans are that Luis Moreno will soon begin, under the guidance of Rev. Isaac Garcia and the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, to serve Mesias as a Lay-minister. He is in the process of taking courses in

Brownsville and McAllen from the Hispanic Institute of Theology under the tutelage of Rev. Steven Morfitt and Rev. Roberto Simental. Again they are going to need our continuing support to implement this ministry.



Templo Luterano El Mesias



Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas, Mexico
 Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas, Mexico is a small city on the border just south of Weslaco, Texas and maybe ten miles northeast of Rio Bravo. The town has become the prime Mexican

shopping destination for visitors to the Rio Grande Valley.



Samuel Garcia is also studying to be a Lay-minister under the tutelage of Rev. Steven Morfitt and Rev. Roberto Simental. Under the guidance of Rev. Isaac Garcia and the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, he will undertake the project of beginning a brand new mission in Nuevo Progreso.

They hope to find a house or some type of building in which they would be able to conduct worship services. Samuel would continue to live in Rio



Samuel Garcia and his wife Alicia Bravo.



Mexico City

I received an interesting email from Luis Felipe Cetina Quijano. He is a layman from San Pedro Lutheran Church in Mexico City. He fell into some hard times, lost his job, and had to take a temporary job in Cancun some 1,000 kilometers away from his family and home. There was no Lutheran



church there but the Lord did not abandon him. He continued his study of the Bible and his prayer life deepened. After 4 months he got a full time job back in Mexico City. He feels it was a life renewing experience. Now that he is back home and attending San Pedro he has the following goals.

- To grow San Pedro Lutheran Congregation in 2008. (They are presently vacant. Deaconess Esther is there helping out.)
- To create a mission in Cancun by 2009.
- He would like to invite some of you to come to Mexico City to help and teach:
 1. English lessons (this brings in a lot of people)
 2. Music lessons especially drums and keyboard (this motivates young people)
 3. Presentations in Inspiration (new software used a lot in US schools)
 4. Help volunteers learn Spanish
 5. Perform other activities to promote a second service on Sundays at 5 PM

His email is: lufcequi@hotmail.com. He does speak English. Give it a shot. Maybe you could do something. It's all in the beginning stages.



San Pedro, Mexico City



Silent Auction and Oktoberfest

The South Dallas Chapter of Thrivent sponsored a silent auction and Oktoberfest at Christ the King in Waxahachie with all the proceeds going to KIMA. The Thrivent chapter provided the food - German sausages, cooked red cabbage,

German potato salad, and sauerkraut, rye bread, and all the dessert you could eat. A freewill offering allowed people to donate whatever they wanted. With matching funds they hope to raise about \$3600. Fun was had by all and some of the mission projects mentioned in this newsletter will be helped.



Christ the King - Waxahachie, Texas



Thanksgiving & Christmas



This is the time of the year when we thank God for His gift to us, His Son. We would like to ask you to help us give a gift to remind these faithful leaders who are proclaiming the gift of Jesus that God cares for them also. We would like to send a monetary gift to

Rev. Alvaro Lopez, president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Rev. Abiut Fajardo and his wife Doris, Rev. Samuel Perez and his wife Concepcion, Job Jimenez and his family, Pastor Isaac and his wife Yolanda, Pastor Jose Reyes and his wife Martina, Samuel Garcia and his wife Alicia, Luis Moreno & his wife Maria, Pastor Jesus Jimenez, and student Magdiel Fajardo. We would like to send this gift to remind them of the special gift God has given them and how special we think they are. Please send Christmas gift money to the address listed below.



Mexicali and San Luis Rio Colorado and Independencia



Jesus Jimenez

Pastor Jesús Jiménez from El Centro CA comes every Sunday to conduct services at San Juan in Mexicali and at San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado. He also comes to San Luis every Thursday to instruct those who are interested in becoming a pastor, a deaconess, or just to be a better church member. Job is preparing for the ministry, Martha, Valences, and Ines want to become deaconesses, and Elizabeth wants to be a better church member. They have just finished the first course "La Familia En La Biblia." The courses that they are taking are courses that the Seminary taught in the past to those who could not study in Mexico City.



Job

Job Jiménez, who is no relation to Pastor Jesús Jiménez is also taking a full load at the University in San Luis Rio Colorado. On weekends he is serving as a lay-minister at a small city called Independencia which is about fifty minutes away from San Luis. The people there are mostly fieldworkers. They have asked Job to come each week and lead them in worship. He pretty much goes for the weekend and has been teaching them the Catechism. Pastor Jesus Jimenez will oversee Job's work.



Independencia



Please keep these people and their ministries in your prayers.

If any of you would like to get more involved with any of these ministries, please, contact me and one of the places listed below.

Please, send any gifts to:

KIMA

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and earmark them for one of the above projects.

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May God bless each of you, your family, and your ministries.

Rev. Norman R. Finke

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