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Ministry Goes On

Last month we found out that Samuel Perez Herrera, son of Rev. Samuel Perez is going to serve his vicarage at Santisima Trinidad Lutheran Church in Matamoros under the supervision of Rev. Isaac Garcia. I got the following letter from Vicar Samuel Perez Herrera:

July 20, 2008

That our Lord Jesus Christ Grace is with you and your family Rev. Norman Finke:

Thank you for your prayers for us and thank you for this ministry that God has put in your heart of supporting new missions and new workers.

I want to be a part of this and am sending you this letter stating that from last week I am in the city of Matamoros carrying out my work as vicar in the Santisima Trinidad Church under the supervision of Pastor Isaac Garcia. Last week we were helping in the youth congress in the city of Rio Bravo and it was a very beautiful experience to help in the evangelism in that place. The week of July 28 to August 1 we will be conducting the Vacation Bible Schools in the missions of the City of Matamoros.

As well as many other projects that the church can do we request that you please continue with your prayers for this and other missions of Mexico.

Sincerely:

Vicario: Samuel Perez Herrera
Iglesia: Santisima Trinidad
Matamoros. Tamaulipas, Mexico
Sinodo Luterano de Mexico

This young man has a wife and son. He believes that the Lord is calling him into the pastoral ministry. The one thing remaining for him to become an ordained pastor is for him to complete a year of vicarage. He has given up his job in Monterrey so that he can serve his vicarage. Here in the United States a congregation financially supports their vicars. I know that when I came to Christ the King in Waxahachie I received a full salary. In Mexico the Council of the Synod found a church that had a vacancy. Pastor Isaac Garcia is filling in there while serving two other churches in Rio Bravo. The church in Matamoras is beginning to grow again but it is a relatively small church and does not have the finances to pay for a vicar. They are supplying a house for the vicar to live in and they are paying for the water and electricity. Last month I did manage to send \$150 to help out Vicar Perez. Most of us know Pastor Isaac Garcia and know that he will probably take money out of his own pocket to help Vicar Perez get by. But that is not fair since Pastor Isaac only receives about \$800 or month to take care of his own wife and two teenage children. To serve in Matamoras he has to drive there and back twice a week. That is almost two hundred miles a week. He doesn't get any gas mileage.

The long and short of all this is that for about \$600 a month we could help him complete his vicarage under a highly motivated and Spirit-led pastor, Pastor Isaac. The church at large will be strengthened. What we have is a one year commitment. I'm sure that there is someone out there who could make this happen. If not someone then maybe a group of people or individuals. If you can help, please send me the money by the last week of each month and I will make sure that 100% of what is given goes to Vicar Perez.

May God bless you and your ministries. I'm not saying may God bless your congregations (although that is true also) but may God bless those ministries that you have chosen to support.

We can be reached at KIMA, 109 Noel, Waxahachie, TX 75165. Designate your check for Vicar Perez.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Norman Finke
Executive Director of KIMA



Samuel Pérez Herrera, Mayra Yadira Leal G, and their son,
Samuel

