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I received the following letter from Rev. Isaac Garcia.

Pastor Norman Finke.

Greetings,

Blessings, I hope your return trip was good.

Thank you for the invitation that you made to us and for all your attention that you showed us. It was a pleasure to have been in your house and in the Church and to greet our siblings in the faith and to share with them the Word of God. It gave us a lot of pleasure to see all again. I want to say that we continue praying for Charlie and we hope he recovers soon. We also thank you for the food that you prepared for us, and also thank Marty for all her attention.

That God continues blessing you.

Pastor Isaac Garcia.

We drove 2215 miles (two round trips to McAllen) but we had a delightful time. Unfortunately, we were not able to get visas for Luis and Samuel, something about showing proof of having a job in Mexico. Sounds a little odd doesn't it. We were five hours late in leaving McAllen and we sat down at my house to eat pork chops at midnight. Needless to say we slept in the next morning. Isaac, Yolanda, and Magdiel are such a blessing. Magdiel translated

for us all the time except during the church services. Isaac preached two wonderful sermons and Yolanda was a constant joy always uplifting and supporting the work of the Lord in Mexico.



On July 14-18 Kevin Pieper, Salem Lutheran in Tomball and Pastor Isaac Garcia sponsored a youth gathering for the youth of Mexico. They invited all the Christian youth from all the Christian churches in Rio Bravo plus from the other churches of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. They held this at the gymnasium down the block and under the tent which they put up on the soccer field next door. They had about eighty to ninety youth there each day. They had speakers and Christian bands each day.

Bill Atwood wrote me the following: "Man did we have a great gathering for the youth in Rio Bravo. I

am sure that you have heard all of the good things that have happened. At night time the people of Rio Bravo would come for the music and the sermons and there would be more adults than young people." Pastor Isaac told me that on the last night they had about five hundred people show up. Praise the Lord!

The Lord has been placing challenges before us. We are being blessed by having five young men preparing themselves for the ministry. I think that we all know that these men do not come from situations where there is a great deal of money. They are being supported with love and prayers. But there is not the financial wherewithal to enable them to devote themselves to full time ministry without having a secular job. Some have put their trust in God and us to help them make it.

My concern is that some people and churches have seemingly seen fit to withhold their contributions to KIMA for one reason or another and that means that we may have to cut back on the amount that we can send these men of God each month. As I read today from another one of our Lutheran agencies "At this time no contribution is too small or too large."

We need your help so that we can help these churches and men. God said that we are to make disciples, teach, and baptize. He gives us the challenge in Malachi 3:10-11 to test Him in this. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty.

So what are we worried about? Don't think you have enough? Take the Lord up on His challenge. Some people and churches are doing just that. I just got a letter and check from Messiah Lutheran Church in Bullock Creek,

Michigan for \$7200. They are going to take care of the men from Betania Lutheran in Rio Bravo who are studying for the ministry.

If we had more people and churches like that, we could adequately help the Vicar in Monterrey, the students in San Luis Rio Colorado and Edinburg, Texas, and the pastors in Monterrey, Guasave, and Rio Bravo.

May the Lord bless us so that we may be a blessing to others.



We need help! As some of you know we have a website. We have set it up and have tried to maintain it. But we are falling behind. We are falling behind because most of us do not know how to set up a website. We will pay for the site and license etc. But we are hesitating about paying for a webmaster since we are having trouble supporting the people and churches that are on the front sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If any of you knows of someone who would be interested in making this part of his or her ministry, please, contact us.



If the Lord moves you to be a part of this ministry please send your contributions to:

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Blessings to each of you and to your special ministries.

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