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Sorry about not keeping in touch with everyone. At the end of August my mother, Lorraine Finke, went to her heavenly home. She was almost 94 years old and had a love for the Mexican missions. She made several trips to Mexico even though she was afraid that if I went by myself something would happen to me. These pictures were taken when Rev. Isaac was ordained.



Some of you have been thinking about going on a mission trip where you could be involved with some construction. Rev. Isaac Garcia is in the process of planting several new missions. One is in the colony on the edge of Rio Bravo. Several years ago a wooden structure was built on some property in the colony. It had to be raised up because of rain flooding the area. The people at Salem Tomball solved that problem. Next Pastor Isaac Garcia wanted to add on to the back some restrooms, a kitchen, and a meeting room. He wanted to construct the building out of cement block and eventually make it a two story building. Pastor Isaac Garcia sent me some pictures of how the building looks today. It is about the same as it looked in July of 2006. Obviously this has hampered the work of the mission.



Here is what needs to be done. On top of the present construction they want to put a cement roof so they can go up a second story.

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| Cement: | \$4800.00 |
| Essentials for Electricity: | \$900.00 |
| Plumbing: | \$385.00 |
| Stucco: | \$840.00 |
| Glass and tile: | \$2000.00. |
| Doors and windows: | \$920.00. |



Years ago KIMA started as it was asked to help build a number of churches, a parsonage, supply Sunday School and Vacation Bible School materials, conduct pastoral retreats on prayer, stewardship and evangelism. In the course of the years since our beginning, three pastors of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico (SLM) have died. The seminary program in Mexico City faltered as more and more influence was exerted by synods outside of the SLM. So with basically no organized program for theological education the SLM found itself with six ordained pastors to cover ten congregations and seven other preaching or mission stations.

In March of this year the SLM held its national assembly meeting at El Divino Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Guasave, Sinaloa. At this meeting Rev. Samuel Perez was appointed the coordinator for the Department of Theological Education and Rev. Isaac Garcia was elected President of the Synod. A plan for theological education is now in place. To see



a copy of the OVERALL PLAN OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION OF THE LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MÉXICO [click here](#). The challenge that we at KIMA now have is that with these seven men preparing for ministry while serving full time in their respective congregations there is a need for financial support. At present the aide that we give amounts to about \$2367 a month plus \$1130 for other ordained pastors. This does not count anything for educational material for the churches or assembly meetings. We have been averaging around \$3040 a month in gifts. So unless we can find some people or churches that will dig a little deeper we will be between \$457 and ???? a month short. We ask for your prayers and gifts for this program of spreading the Gospel message.



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