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KIMA is a mission agency whose main goal is to assist individuals and congregations in Mexico to carry out the directives of our Lord in the Great Commission to:

- go and make disciples,
- baptize, and
- teach them everything that Jesus wanted them to know.

This assistance will be given to those people who demonstrate like-minded beliefs and goals similar to ours in the LCMS.

Taking the words of the Holy Spirit through St. Paul to Timothy personally, "Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12), many of our Lutheran brothers and sisters of Mexico are in the process of developing programs of Christian education, Evangelism, and the construction of facilities that will enable them to reach out to others and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mesías Mission is one of those churches that is trying to expand as it is reaching out to its surrounding community. It is located in a colony near Rio Bravo and is being served by Rev. Isaac Garcia, Luis Moreno, and Yolanda Garcia. As you can see from this picture they are in the middle of constructing some classrooms but they have run out of money. It hasn't stopped the mission, only the construction. Here is what they want to do. On top of the present construction they want to put a cement roof so they can eventually put up a second story. \$4800.00 will put a cement roof on it. \$900 will be needed for supplying the electrical needs. We have the plumbing taken care of. \$920 will take care of the construction of the windows and doors, \$2000 for the glass in the windows and the tile for the floors, and \$840 to stucco it inside and out.



They need our prayers, volunteers (with passports), and finances. **Can you help?**

Scholarships & Subsidies



It is exciting to see men actively involved in their church. Not only are they active in leading worship, music, and teaching, but they are also studying, taking theological classes, along with their wives, growing spiritually and leading others, by the power of the Holy Spirit, into a deeper relationship with God. KIMA has been able to, through the gifts of donors like you, assist them and some of the pastors of smaller congregations.

Right now we are giving them more than we are receiving. Unfortunately, that can only go on so long and then we will run out of money and the ability to help.

VBS/Evangelism

In Mexico Vacation Bible School is probably their biggest outreach program. Last year we ran out of money and congregations had to share the material. Concordia Publishing House has done a good job of finding Spanish authors to write this material. The name of the Spanish material for this year is "El tren de las Buenas Noticias," ("The Good News Train.")



Pastor Isaac Garcia has been down to Veracruz where he has been lining up places to have Vacation Bible School where they have never had it before. He has three places in mind. There will also be Vacation Bible Schools in Matamoros, Rio Bravo and at the Mesias Mission. Last year they also had VBS in Guasave, Monterrey and Mexico City. The Leader's Pack costs \$55 and the children's worksheets cost about \$3.10 each. So if we got enough for 500 students and 5 churches we would be right at \$1825 and that doesn't include any material for crafts. At the moment we have \$575 set aside for VBS material. So the average cost without crafts comes to about \$3.65 per student.

How many can you help reach?

I have a request for Bibles from Job Jimenez from San Mateo Lutheran Church in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora.

Job says, "I think it would be great if you would send to me some bibles because we have a lot of new people who don't have bibles."

"If you will send me some large print bibles that would be great too. I have a couple of ladies who need them."

Well I know I can get the large print Bibles through the Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. in Yucaipa, California. **Can you help me send some regular Spanish Bibles to Job?**



Disaster has struck!

Well, maybe not a disaster if it wasn't your home.

Easter Sunday, April 4 2010, San Luis Rio Colorado and surrounding area had a big earthquake, 7.2 on the Richter scale. At first they weren't sure what was happening. They were without any kind of power. After 12 hours they had access to services again, and they began to see that there were real troubles in that area. There was a big fire in downtown San Luis. Houses and buildings fell down between there and Mexicali. Below are a couple of pictures of some homes in or near to Fronterizo where one of the missions of San Mateo is located.

Job Jimenez said that many of these people are poor and don't have much to begin with. He said we need food, (cans like tuna, veggies, beans, rice), water, toilet paper, towels, diapers, soap, soups, etc.



He said that

they have the chance to buy all of these things in San Luis, Arizona or in the Yuma area.

Job asks for you to try to help and share with them. He said that the Mayor would help them to cross the border from the USA to Mexico. KIMA has sent \$200 and **we would be delighted to forward any and all contributions that you send for this project.**

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

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