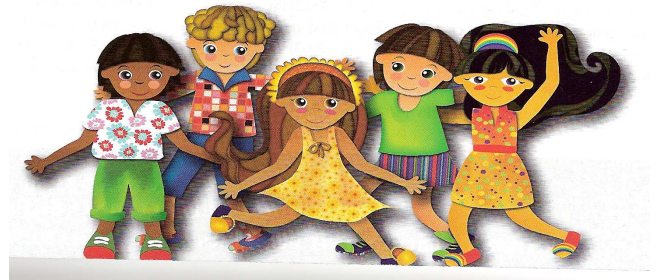




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## **Romans 12:4-8 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

When you hear of all the violence going on down in Mexico are you inclined to want to go down there and teach Vacation Bible School, add a room onto a church building, or anything else? I know that when I was asked several weeks ago to come down and share God's Word with the people who were celebrating Pastor Isaac Garcia's birthday I said a little prayer for protection as I crossed the border from the United States into Mexico.

Maybe we feel that we can't go down there right now but I think that the Lord has blessed each of us with a talent or talents that we could use to help bring others in Mexico to be a part of the body of Christ.

Pastor Isaac Garcia said to me yesterday that he wanted to thank you again for all the support that you have given to them for their ministry. Without your support their ministry would be much more difficult. He said, "Their desire is to continue sharing the Gospel message through all their activities." He then shared the activities they have planned for this summer:

- July 12 - 17 they will conduct Vacation Bible School at Bethany and the Mission of the Messiah and elsewhere in Rio Bravo.
- From July 19 to 24, they will be having Vacation Bible School in Matamoros.
- From July 27 to August 1, they will have their National Youth Gathering in Matamoros.



Rev. Isaac Garcia

- From August 2 - 7 they will be in Tuxpan, Veracruz, with Vacation Bible School in the morning and at night they will have an Evangelistic crusade in the tent with the musical group from Bethany.
- And from August 9th to the 14<sup>th</sup> they will be in Tantoyuca, Veracruz following the same format that they did the week before in Tuxpan.

(They do not have any Lutheran Synod of Mexico churches in these two cities but are reaching out to the residents to share the Gospel message.)

In all these activities the members of Bethany in Rio Bravo and Santisima Trinidad (Holy Trinity) in Matamoros and you, the supporters of KIMA, can be working together to “share the Gospel message.”

So that is what Pastor Isaac Garcia, his wife Yolanda, the praise band, and the whole entourage of people who will teach, set up the tent, and provide transportation plan to do this summer. They will each donate one month of their summer to “share the Gospel message.” All they ask for is your prayers and enough Concordia Publishing House Spanish Vacation Bible School material for 350 students.



When we were speaking with Pastor Isaac Garcia back on June third he mentioned that their generator that provides electricity for lighting the tent and running their sound system no longer worked. It went kaput. I am happy to inform you that Christ the King Lutheran Church in Waxahachie, TX along with the South Dallas Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have come up with \$600 to purchase a brand new generator which will be delivered to Pastor Isaac in time for the activities that he has outlined above.

I also received an email from Rev. Samuel Perez of El Sembrador (The Sower) in Monterrey Nuevo León.

He said that they are working for God to prosper their ministry there in Monterrey. He said that they are experiencing a time of great violence there in the city of Monterrey. They believe that the work of the Church is most needed among their people. He asks for us to please pray to God so that they may have a timely message for the society of our time.

They are starting a new mission in the city of Cadereyta, Nuevo León about 30 Kms from the city of Monterrey. They had some families come to El Sembrador from this city. These people attended one Sunday and Pastor Perez visited them in Cadereyta the following Sunday. He gave them instructions from the Catechism. They ask for your prayers for this new ministry.



Rev. Perez

They are preparing to hold Vacation Bible School beginning on July 11, 2010. They need materials for 100 students divided into four levels plus a leader’s packet.



Luis Felipe Centina

And finally, I heard from Luis Felipe Centina of San Pedro Lutheran Church in Mexico City. Rosa Ivette and he are the leaders to organize VBS at San Pedro. He asked if we could supply enough material for 95 children at their church and also 70 from San Pablo Lutheran Church in Mexico City.

So that is a total of 595 children who will hear and experience the love of Jesus through El tren de las Buenasw Noticias (The Good News Train). Hernando Quandt, the Customer Service Agent in the Spanish Multilingual department of Concordia Publishing House has been a great help in communicating with these people and filling their orders.

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Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, TX



Faith Lutheran Church in Georgetown, TX

So we have the challenge. We are to go and make disciples. The nation right to our south has many people who have not received Jesus in their heart. These are troubling times in Mexico. But God has put special people in place who are willing to step forward, lead, organize, teach, set up tents, play musical instruments, keep vehicles running, and provide electrical power - all to share the Gospel message through all their activities.

Redeemer Lutheran LWML in Austin, TX and Faith Lutheran Church in Georgetown, TX have set aside special funds or offerings totaling \$2136.05 to help purchase the VBS material that these men and women desire but could not afford. The material, which does not yet include the VBS material that two other churches usually order, costs \$2139.14. This isn't all the expenses involved in this ministry. There is the cost of fuel for the cars, food for the workers, lodging for those involved in the tent ministry, and supplies for creating any crafts. And all the while we continue to supply subsidy for pastors, lay-ministers, and students preparing for the ministry.

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Joshua, Dennis, Sarahi, Rev. Garcia, Neftali, and Yolanda

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A truck loaded with medical supplies.

and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. (Romans 12:4-6)

I saw a remarkable example of someone using the gift God has given him for doing certain things well. This person says he has the gift to scrounge. I would go along with that if you interpret “scrounge” to mean to seek and acquire something from any available source. This man loves to go to swap meets, flea markets, or any gathering that people, especially hobbyists, attend for the purpose of exchanging things. It is a gift I certainly don’t have. This man heard that there was a need for supplies that are related to the medical field. So over the course of several months he began to hunt and search out people and places where he could obtain things like wheel chairs, walkers, canes, adult diapers, blood glucose meters, test strips, lancets, automatic blood pressure monitors, stethoscopes, and syringes. He finally had a load to take down for the people along the border. Christ the King Lutheran Church of Waxahachie paid the \$200 bill for gasoline and on June the third, while I went across the border to share the Word of God with the members, friends, and relatives of Pastor Isaac Garcia, this man was out looking, “scrounging,” for a mixer for the Betania’s sound system because the old one went up in smoke – and he had one before I crossed over into Mexico.

But we forget one thing once again. He has the gift to “scrounge,” but he doesn’t have the gift to do everything. When he “scrounged” for all those things he had to give up something for them, it cost him something. He now needs for the rest of the body in Christ to kick into motion. He knows where there are four wheelchairs available but they will cost \$25 each. If he can’t come up with the money they will be scrapped. He knows where there is a self powered wheelchair but again he will have to put it in working order and buy a charger for the battery. Has the Lord blessed you with the gift of organization, finances, mechanical ability, or prayer? We need others to pitch in and help!

**Find your gift and use it.**



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**"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**

**We ask for your prayers for these people who are using their gifts that God has given to them. If you would like to be part of this ongoing outreach ministry, please, send your gifts to:**

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