February 3, 2011



The other morning as I was preparing to write this newsletter I received an email from Rev. Isaac Garcia. He said that they very much regret all the violence that they are experiencing in Mexico. He said that as a result of that violence many people of good heart that used to come to support the work of God in Mexico have ceased to do so. He expressed sorrow over the recent murder of the missionary Nancy Davis seventy miles south of the border on the road from San Fernando to Reynosa. He said we need to continue preaching the gospel because many people have not known the love of God and therefore there is much violence. There have also been shootings in Rio Bravo. He asks for your prayers.

I've traveled those roads, stayed overnight in Rio Bravo, preached in their church and still the thought kept sneaking into my mind, "Should we be going down there or not?"

We can't go down there like we used to. But it doesn't change the fact that there are thousands of people down there who are lost and going to hell because they do not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

The devil puts it in our mind to throw up our hands in horror and want to let someone else do it. But, before all this violence began to happen, the Lord gave us some time in which we made some pretty fantastic relationships with men and women of God who are citizens of Mexico, who are still there and are willing and able to get on with the work of spreading the Good News of God's love through His Son Jesus Christ.

Often times, we have the fear of speaking up about our faith. God hasn't blessed all of us with the gift of evangelism. But He has given us all the directive that we are to go and make disciples of all nations. He has blessed us, gifted us, beyond our brothers and sisters in many parts of Mexico, with other things that can aid, strengthen, and provide the called ones of Mexico with the means to spread the Word!

The people working in God's Kingdom in Mexico need:

- our heartfelt prayers.
- They need our love and appreciation.
- They need our castoffs.
- They need our financial help.
- They need Christian materials to better educate the leaders and reach out to the young.

Well, what is all this leading up to? Let me share some things and see what the Lord is saying to you.

On January 15 I received the following email from Rev. Isaac Garcia Guadalupe Castillo, pastor at Betania (Bethny) and Meisas (Messiah) in Rio Bravo, and Santisma Trinidad (Holy Trinity) in Matamoros. (Excuse my translation.)



GREETINGS.

Hello pastor, God blesses you. I greet you. I hope it is well. Thanks to God we are well.



Thank you for the quilts that you sent. (We sent down about 200 quilts) They have been a lot of blessing. People are very happy because at this time it has been very cold. We also gave quilts to the people in Matamoros and to Pastor Samuel Pérez in Monterrey.



Thank you also for the van. (It was a gift from Christ the King in Waxahachie.) It is already here in Rio Bravo. We are very excited because we will be able to use it for the work of God to continue ahead with the tent ministry. God knows when He sends the things and you have been a means so that we have this vehicle to continue ahead taking the Good News of Salvation to people

Of the projectors that you sent one is working well and the other one has burned out the lamp.

We request your prayers because Yolanda's visa and mine expire the month of February and we already have to start the processes to renew them. The cost of each one is of 140 dollar and for the moment we don't have the payment. We wait in God that He through someone can help in this necessity. Our problem exists because this month we had to make the payment of Neftali at the university and that was 350 dollar for the semester. Neftali will begin classes next Monday.

We have not been able to communicate with Dennis. Do you know if the telephone doesn't work or do you have another number? Give thanks to Dennis on our behalf.

Greetings for Marty from Yolanda. Blessings.

Pastor Isaac.

Any ideas?

On January 23 I received the following email from the same Rev. Isaac Garcia.

Pastor Finke.

Greetings, I am sending you these pictures of a mission that is 5 kilometers (3 miles) from Nuevo Progreso.



It is abandoned and they will sell it for 1600 dollars. It is a property that measures 15 meters (49 feet) of front and approximately 50 meters (160 feet) long and it has this building. We have been praying for Samuel Garcia and his family since they have the desire to work in that area.



Brother Samuel plans to continue living in Rio Bravo as their children are there studying in school. He will then be able to continue working part time to support his family.

We do not have the resources to purchase the property. They will allow us to make payment in two or three parts. We would appreciate it if KIMA would support us in this project. We request your prayers for this project.

Blessings. Pastor Isaac Garcia

Any ideas now?



We work with nine churches and six missions in Mexico. There are four ordained pastors, one deaconess, one Vicar, and five lay-ministers. These lay-ministers are dedicated men of God who want to reach out and share the love of Jesus. The training that they have been able to get is very limited. The pastors who are on the U.S. side of the

border that used to come across and teach classes are now very hesitant to do so. Drs. Gerald and Barbara Brunworth donated money to pay for a Spanish set of Concordia Commentaries. That set will be sent to Rev. Isaac Garcia to help in preparing the lay-ministers, Sunday School teachers, and leaders of youth to better understand the Holy Scriptures. As we receive more donations we will make more sets of commentaries available to different parts of Mexico.

Now?



Magdiel Fajardo is back in Fort Wayne continuing with the winter quarter. He is taking 14 hrs.

Homiletics II, Liturgics II, Hebrew, and Church History II.

This next Sunday he is preaching for Pastor Mike Wakeland at New Life Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and then for the service in Burmese. They will translate his sermon into Burmese. He is exited about that.

He is working on signing up for classes for this summer so that he can get enough credits to go out on Vicarage for this next year in August 2011.

Magdiel has had a difficult time with finances for this year. He has been able to pay off this Winter quarter and is now working on this Spring quarter. Thanks to some special donations from some of you it looks like he may make it through this year. Help is always appreciated.

How about now?



Job Jimenez and members of Independencia

Greetings in name of Jesus Christ. San Luis R. Col. Son. México. Missions Monthly Report

I am really happy to let you know we keep working. This New Year we have a lot of work to do and a long way to walk. Thanks for all your support from last year, it was really helpful, I hope this year you keep sharing your blessings with us. This month we work at missions, and San Mateo church with Christmas fiestas, but our economical budget won't let us do more things. I pray to the Lord things change and we can get a better budget so we can drive to all the missions and visit our people.

I am so happy because Josafat keep working with us. I pray to lord that He will provide everything what we need.

We deliver some present last month to our kids, and have a fiesta with cakes, piñata, candy and food. We enjoy all moments with our brothers and sisters.

I appreciate a lot special help from Pastor Donald Smidt and Pastor Finke, because my mom was sick last month and they help for medicines and other expenses. Thanks to you my brothers.

I am really happy too, because we restart to build our kitchen at church. Thanks to people who make this possible. I pray for you all the time.

I pray to my Lord for this year that you will have all of your dreams and goals complete and He blesses you a lot, and I hope we can keep together working hard for our Savior.

Your Friend in Christ,

Job Jimenez

Food for thought! There are plenty of areas to get involved in.

Check out our web site: <u>http://kimamission.org</u> It is under construction. (This is another area where we could use some help, designing and maintaining our web site.) If you would like to be part of this ongoing outreach ministry, please, include the ministry in your prayers and send any questions or gifts to:

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