

A time for prayer!

March 30, 2011

Pastor Isaac Garcia and the Praise Team from Betania Lutheran Church in Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas are soon to begin their 918 mile -- 19 hour trip to Guasave, Sinaloa for the anniversary service of Nueva Jerusalén Lutheran Church. Pastor José Reyes also invited a representative of KIMA to be present for the service. I had to regrettfully decline the invitation although I sent a message on behalf of all of you who helped with the construction of this church with your finances, prayers and labor. We also are placing flowers on the altar for this celebration.



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These were the nine people, (I got to have my picture taken with them at the dedication), that traveled the 918 miles, several times. This trip is like traveling from Brownsville, Texas to San Diego, California and throwing in a trip over some very dangerous mountain roads. These people spent a lot of time building Nueva Jerusalén from the ground up to the final stucco on the walls.



Nueva Jerusalén



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These people gave much and are loved by the people of Nueva Jerusalén in San Pedro just outside of Guasave. We also give them our thanks and ask the Lord to continue to bless them and protect them on this journey.

I have some updates for you from Job Jimenez of San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora. San Luis Rio Colorado is just across the border from San Luis, Arizona and is near the Colorado River. In the last newsletter, I shared with you some of the things that Job said were needed. There is this man named Goyo. He is crippled in that he has only one leg. He attends one of the mission churches located in the desert. He plays the accordion for the church services. The place that he lives in is in shambles.

Goyo



Goyo's home



I talked to Job while I was in St. Louis for the Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. Board of Directors meeting. (That reminds me if any of you need Braille Bibles or Large print books of the Bible, English or Spanish, Lutheran Braille Workers [www.lbwinc.org] gives them away at no cost to those who need them.) Anyway, Job called me and told me that they had someone who was going to build a house for Goyo. So one of the needs that still needed to be filled was wiring the house so it could have electricity and then

paying the fees to get it hooked up. I now have a family from Christ the King Lutheran in Waxahachie that's going to take care of that. Wow! Praise the Lord!

Another one of Goyo's needs is that he could use a better wheelchair. If anyone is able to provide us with a wheelchair, please contact us.

Job also said that when he talked to Goyo he found out that the accordion that they use for church doesn't work any more. Job says that he hopes someone would donate an accordion. The one they had was donated two or three years ago by someone from Faith Lutheran church in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. I must admit that I don't know much about accordions but he said it needed to be a key accordion.

I believe that Job also said that Josafat's car needed \$150 in repairs. Josafat is a man who wants to study to be a Lutheran pastor and is helping Job out in some of the missions out in the desert. It is strictly a volunteer position and his car is giving them a problem. Job's car also needs some suspension work. We have someone who is going to help with paying for these repairs but we probably need a little more. I don't know if the two hundred dollars I have will cover both cars.



Job also mentioned that they wanted to connect the electric service at the Independencia mission. They don't have electric service at this mission and they have started to work at getting funds by taking up offerings from the members of that mission. Job says, "If you want to contribute to make this possible, we would appreciate that a lot. The cost is around 220 dollars, now we have 40 dollars from the offerings."



Maria

And finally, there is the problem of Job's mother, Maria Jimenez Tejada. She is a widow, has high blood pressure, high blood sugar, needs to visit a doctor, have some medical tests, and has no insurance. The cost for this is around \$230 and this could be a periodic problem. Maybe someone who is involved in the medical profession could give us some advice.

At the moment we have been blessed by two different people who have made contributions for this and we have it covered for now. Again, "Praise the Lord"!



Luis Felipe

I just got a birthday greetings from Luis Felipe Cetina Quijano and the people of San Pedro Lutheran church in Mexico City. They are planning ahead. They are making plans for their summer Bible School and would like our support. They want to have two levels. The one will be for the younger children and for that they would like to

use the traditional VBS material. The second level would be with workshops that would help the young people to understand topics like drugs, sex, mission outreach to others, and etc.



San Pedro

San Pedro is a larger congregation than most of them in Mexico but they do not have a pastor.

We should also be planning ahead and begin putting money aside for the five to seven hundred pieces of VBS material that will be needed this summer.

A second thing that Luis Felipe said to me is that he is considering going into the pastoral ministry. We need to keep San Pedro, Luis Felipe, and their ministries in our prayers.



Magdiel Fajardo

Magdiel (Mac) is now in the Spring Quarter of his second year at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He intends to take three classes during June and July and then come back for the Fall Quarter. By the end of fall quarter he should have enough hours so that he can turn in his application requesting a Vicarage at the end of the Fall Quarter and start that vicarage the beginning of December.

Mac says that sometimes it is hard to get a vicarage at that time of the year because most churches are looking for a vicar to start in the summer or the beginning of the fall. So he is praying that he will be able to get a vicarage at that time. If that doesn't work, he will have to stay at the seminary and take more classes.

So we need to keep Mac in our prayers and financially support his studies. All money that is sent in to us, for Magdiel's education, is sent directly to the financial aid office at the seminary to be paid on his fees at the seminary.

If you would like to be a part of any of the ongoing outreach ministries of Koinoneo Independent Mission Agency, please, include the ministry in your prayers and send any questions or gifts to:

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