

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you."

KIMA's goal:

To 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
- Love and appreciation
- Financial help
- Assistance in obtaining Christian materials to better educate their leaders and to reach out to their youth

Together we do battle against the forces of evil.







KIMA needs your help!

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Our Christian brothers and sisters along the border and south into Mexico need our help.

Their goal is to: "Go and make disciples" Matthew 28:19

We all struggle against the onslaughts of the devil. He worked on Adam & Eve in the garden; he worked on Jesus in the wilderness and every opportune time after that, all the way to the cross. Today he still is fighting against what God has done and he is trying to make it impossible for all believers in Christ to successfully share the Good News that God loves all people and has already provided the way for us all to be His true sons & daughters.

In Mexico they have heard about the true God since the time of the conquistadors. He is the almighty God, the all-knowing God, eternal, and always present. But they think Him to be a harsh, judgmental, and angry God that needs to be appeased. They have been taught that they need to do something in order to earn a relationship with Him. Thus they feel that they have to do penance, recite the Rosary, and do homage to "Our Lady of Guadalupe."

Pastor Isaac Garcia once told me that he came to know God through the Catholic Church and came to know Jesus through the Lutheran Church.

We all have obstacles put in our way that hinder sharing the Love of God. For us that might be being too busy, sports, family, work, or an attitude of "I have already done my part." For the people in Mexico it might be a prejudice against any church that is not Roman Catholic, it could be a terrible economic system, the drug cartels, and violence.

Whatever the obstacles, we need to join in the battle and fight alongside our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the master calls you;
Rich reward He offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I. Send me, send me"?

So, we know their goal:

"Go and make disciples."

We know our goal:

"To aid, strengthen, and provide the called ones of Mexico with the means to spread the Word!"

It's not very safe down there right now, so I don't think very many of us are going to head out on a mission trip right now. But that is not stopping our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Mexico.

In the past several weeks I have been in contact with Lutheran churches in Mexico City, Rio Bravo, Matamoros, and Nuevo Progreso, as plans are being laid for Vacation Bible outreach programs and one possible extended mission trip to Veracruz. The program that they are going to use is entitled:

Operación rescate.



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the rest of God's creation. God the Father sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin and now we are being sent to rescue others, and to help rescue God's creation by taking good care of the world in which we live. (CPH)

I presently have orders for VBS material for 520 students. In addition, St. Paul and St. Peter Lutheran churches in Mexico City plan to use a series called *Life Experiences*. It covers issues affecting today's youth such as faith challenges, personal challenges, school challenges, family challenges, temptations, and world challenges. The cost for all these items is \$1,688.39.

And

I have not yet heard from Rev. Samuel Perez in Monterrey who ordered \$311.72 worth of VBS material last year. They not only had VBS at their home church but they also conducted a VBS program 40 kilometers away in the city of Cadereyta, Nuevo Leon where they are trying to start a new mission. Wow! And that brings us about as close as you can get to \$2,000.

We are excited that we did receive \$500 from the LWML at Redeemer in Austin, TX for this purpose and I have also set aside \$686 of the Lenten offerings we received from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Plainview, TX.



So, what's needed?

- So we need your heartfelt prayers.
- They need your heartfelt prayers.
- We need approximately \$1,200 to be able to provide them the Christian materials that they need to educate their youth and reach out to others.
- They need your love and your appreciation for what they are trying to do.

And what's going on over in Nuevo Progreso (Rio Rico)?

Pastor Isaac, Yolanda, and Samuel Garcia are starting a new mission church, Bethel!!!!!!!











Lay-pastor Samuel still lives in Rio Bravo. His children go to school there. He has supported his family by working in the construction business. He is obviously spending more time going to the new mission, Bethel. That is probably a half hour trip unless you have the money for the toll road. In order to help out the new mission we are going to try and send an extra \$200 a month to help Lay-pastor Samuel to cover some of the costs that he may incur each month.

It's always the same. I can say it over and over again that we are going to help these people in their ministries. But the truth of the matter is that we can't do anything without the Lord touching and opening up your hearts. We all need your prayers, financial support and encouragement.

May God bless you, your family, and your ministry.

Let none hear you idly saying,

"There is nothing I can do,"

While the multitudes are dying

And the master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly;

Let His work your pleasure be.

Answer quickly when He calls you,

"Here am I. Send me, send me!"