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**“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”** (Proverbs 3:5-6)

At the beginning of this year KIMA had close to nine thousand dollars in its checking account and I was feeling pretty good about that since we needed \$52,186

to meet our budget for 2011. Last year we received \$48,081.11 and had a surplus of \$9,059. Simple math would say all things being the same we should make it without any trouble.

Did you ever notice that about the time you are feeling pretty good about the job **you** are doing that God sends something your way to remind you who is really in charge?

This year we need \$4348 a month and through June we have averaged \$3447 a month. That is about \$900 short of what we need per month. In six months that is a deficit of approximately \$5400. Our \$9059 “surplus” has dwindled down to \$3641. As you can see that is not really enough to take care of next month’s opportunities that the Lord is giving to us.

The challenges are still there. God is preparing the people to receive Him. People are still waiting to hear the good news of their salvation.

So what’s different this year from last year? Maybe **we** aren’t putting our trust in the Lord. Maybe we are forgetting that these are people that God created and He wants all of them to be saved. **“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”** (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

Maybe we think that we are the wizards and know what is best for us. We often times forget that it is God who knows what is best for us. To receive God’s guidance, Solomon said, we must seek God’s will in all we do. This means turning every area of our lives over to Him. Jesus reiterated this in Matthew 6:33 when He said, **“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”**

It used to be a lot easier to work with these people. We could go down there, work side by side with them, laugh, eat, pray, sing, play with the children, and worship together. It would become like family for some of us. They were real and we loved them like brothers and sisters.

**We need to get personally involved again. We need to pray for this work and these men and women of God who are trying to share God's love with others. I know that many of us are frightened by the idea of going down into Mexico. We have visions of the drug cartels shooting us down or of someone kidnapping us and holding us for ransom. That is probably a legitimate concern. But some of them are taking the same risks when they go down to the state of Veracruz to teach weeks of Vacation Bible School, and conduct evening worship with the adults. Maybe we can't go but we can supply the physical materials so that they can deliver the Spiritual message.**

**What we are trying to do is support people preparing for leadership ministry. That would include Vicars, Lay-pastors, Lay ministers, DCE's, Deaconess and students preparing for the pastoral ministry. We give some financial support to some ordained pastors. We have set aside some money for the maintenance of the new missions. Money has also been set aside, and used, for Portals of Prayer, Catechisms, and \$2233 worth of VBS materials. Then there are funds that need to be set aside for maintenance - postage etc. - as well as for travel, room and board for pastors in Mexico.**

**This certainly involves conducting Word and Sacrament ministries; starting new missions, teaching the young people how Christ's blood was shed to forgive and clean their sinning hearts, and helping to provide the opportunity for young men to become pastors for these new churches.**

**God has not stopped doing the things that He does. He is preparing people to open their hearts so that they are ready to hear the Word.**

**Thank God there are still native people of Mexico who are willing to take the chance and spread the Word and God's love.**

**Here is a picture of the new mission that Rev. Isaac Garcia and Lay-pastor Samuel Garcia started this Spring. It is called Bethel and is located in Rio Rico which is part of Nuevo Progreso. If you go to the Valley, many of you have probably been to Nuevo Progreso to buy souvenirs, gifts, a little bottle of something, or go to a doctor. They got a few pretty good restaurants there also. One of my favorites is Arturos. Nuevo Progreso is a fun place for tourists and Winter Texans.**



Mision Bethel, en Rio Rico.



VBS at Betania in Rio Bravo



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**It's summer. It's hot! It's time to share the Love of God through His Son Jesus Christ. These two pictures show what happen last week in Rio Bravo. The story will be duplicated during the upcoming weeks in Matamoros, VeraCruz, and Mexico City.**

**This picture shows people near San Luis Rio Colorado in Sonora, Mexico showing concern for each other after a Bible class. They aren't in a narthex like your church building but outside under the trees and they are still having fellowship, learning, making friends, and showing that they care for each other.**



After Bible Class

**We may already acknowledge God in many areas of our lives. But there are some areas of our lives that we want to keep off limits, under our control. I think one of those areas that we want to restrict or ignore what God has said to us is in the area of finances. God told us through the Prophet Malachi, "...you are robbing Me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test Me in this, 'says the LORD Almighty,' and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 3:10)**

**I know, it's the same old story we hear every year. Did you ever think about it, maybe God meant what He said - bring the whole tithe -- test Me - and I will pour out so much blessings that you will not have room enough for it?**



I mentioned earlier that we needed \$4348 per month to do the things of supporting leaders and educating the people. That does not include things to help out in the people's everyday life. In April when we were talking to Rev. Isaac Garcia and Yolanda we asked them, "What do you need the most?" Not thinking of themselves but of the people they are doing ministry for they said 15 fans, the kind that stand upright, the tall ones. They would also like to have Blood Glucose Meters along with the Test Strips and lancets. They have a lot of people with high or low blood sugar count. I

have an extra One Touch Ultra 2 meter. It would work great if we had some test strips. Pastor Isaac said they could also use adult diapers, medium and large sizes for women and medium sizes for the men. They could use more wheelchairs, a machine to check the blood pressure, Bibles with Luther's Small Catechism, colors, and notebooks. They don't have air conditioning, or pharmacies that check your blood count and pressure. Pastor Isaac is trying to gather a supply of these things to lend to the people that need them.

So, can you think of any way that you can get more intimately involved? Intimately involved with the men and women of God in Mexico who feel the necessity to act now in sharing the Gospel? Intimately involved with Jesus as He has command us to go and make disciples?

**KIMA's goal:**

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

**Together we do battle against the forces of evil.**

**KIMA needs your help!**

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