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KIMA is a mission agency made up of Spirit-led, individuals and congregations discovering and embracing the unique calling of God in our lives. Yesterday, I attended the Confirmation service of the young people from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. The title of the message was "Faith Walk." I couldn't help but think of a book I read by John Ortberg entitled, "If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat." God is inviting each of us to go on a walk with Him.

God has laid down His challenge to us in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ... make disciples ... baptize ... and teach."

The purpose of KIMA is to assist individuals, congregations, and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in extending and strengthening the Lord's Kingdom among Hispanics and Mexicans, locally, along our southern border, and into Mexico.

KIMA is an agency to funnel God's love and resources to help fulfill Jesus' Great Commission. This is not to be like the casual walk the disciples took to Emmaus but like the rushing back to Jerusalem to share the exciting message that Jesus is alive!

We began 2014 with \$12,374.56 in our bank account. Through April 28, 2014 we have received gifts totaling \$10,181.54 which has given us a total of \$22,556.10 available to be used to carry out the Lord's mission that He has given to KIMA.

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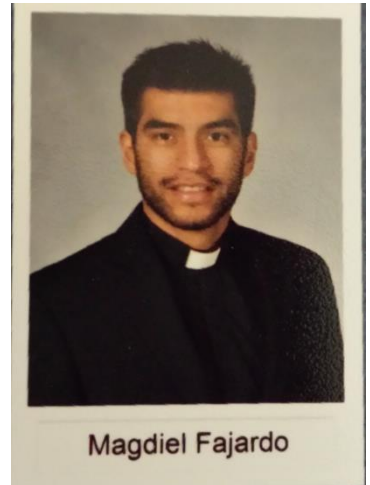
At the time of Jesus' resurrection He told His disciples that they were to go back up to Galilee and He would meet them there. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus came to His disciples and said, "Go and make disciples ...baptizing ...and teaching. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



Santo Tomas Misión, Mesa Rica
A walk into the desert

We have provided \$16, 051.00 to date to help subsidize pastors, Lay-pastors, and one full time theology student.

Magdiel Fajardo, a fourth year student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana was placed at Grace Lutheran Church in Santa Maria, California.



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One of the other Lay-pastors, José Reyes, is going to be taking classes from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. These classes will be offered over the Internet so it was necessary to provide José Reyes with a working computer with the capabilities of video and audio communication. Mr. Dave DeVore of Redeemer Lutheran in Austin, Texas refurbished a computer and we bought the necessary equipment for communicating via the Internet. Because of the generosity of Dave DeVore, we were able to supply the needed computer system for \$60.

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The newly ordained pastor, Rev. Samuel Perez Herrera, at Santisima Trinidad Lutheran Church in Matamoros wanted to make available the Portales de Oración (Portals of Prayer) to his members. So we signed up for a year's subscription of twenty copies for \$120.

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Lay-pastor Job Jimenez received a used car donated by people in Arizona. He had no transportation to go to the three missions out in the desert so this was a great help in making that part of his ministry once again viable. We were able to send him \$600 to help in the registration and license plates for the car.

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We sponsored a mission trip to El Calvario Lutheran Church in Brownsville, Texas. We spent \$371.96 on food and materials with most of the gasoline, painting supplies, and lodging being donated by participants.

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Administrative costs which included computer repairs, postage stamps, and banking account analysis fees totaled another \$203.65. This leaves us with a bank balance of \$8,349.49.



Painters at El Calvario in Brownsville, Texas

**So what does this all have to do what's happening now?
Well, here is a note I just received this morning from
Lay-pastor Job Jimenez in San Luis Rio Colorado. Does
it tell you a story?**

Dear friends, I am happy to share with you part of our work in San Luis, Mexico. Our city is on the border with Yuma, Arizona. We have around 170,000 inhabitants. Many of these people don't have a good job and part of our work is to help in their needs, and then share the Gospel.

KIMA and Pastor Finke are helping us to do our job. Sometimes they provide us with money to buy food, other times for transportation to be able to go to small towns in middle of the desert, and other times with materials for VBS.

Last year we had a special story about Lupita. This lady came to San Mateo Evangelical Lutheran Church. Thanks to the help of KIMA, her kids joined us at bible classes. They heard the gospel and invited their mom, Lupita, and she came to church. She met us and started to join in on worship with us every Sunday and Wednesday. Later she and another new lady, Martha, started to study the catechism and were then confirmed and is now a member of our church, with all her family, her aunt, her mom and a friend that is coming with her to worship. This reminds me of the parable of Jesus in Matthew 13:31-32 "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." (KJV)

With small things, the Lord can make great things! Thanks to our Lord to offer forgiveness in Jesus and give us the chance to share the great news to others, and thanks to because we can see the fruits coming through him.

We pray that God may keep blessing KIMA, Pastor Finke and all the people supporting them!

Lord Be With You!

Lay Pastor Job Jimenez.



Left to right, Martha, me and Lupita. Confirmation



Sunday Worship at San Mateo Evangelical Lutheran Church.

So, now what?

Well, let us not think that we can rest on our laurels. Some say it isn't over with "until the fat lady sings." I know better, it isn't over with until "the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him." Matthew 25:31.

Those of us who have been sitting around on our laurels thinking He didn't mean us when He was speaking of doing all those things in Matthew 25 might be in for a real surprise. There seems to be all kinds of judgments being made there and so many people seemed to be surprised at the outcome. If Christ were to judge us according to the Law of the Commandments, no one would be saved. "If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?" Psalm 130:3.

Jesus judges individuals according to their personal attitude toward the Gospel, whether they accept it in faith or reject it in unbelief. For this reason Christ says, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:16.

And then there are the words of St. Paul where he says, "You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is dead?" James 2:10. Good works are the visible fruit of an invisible faith. "When we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love." Galatians 5:6.

We may very well join others in saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" Matthew 25:37-39. His answer of course is, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (25:40)

I want to hear Jesus say those beautiful words, "Well done, my good and faithful servants," words meant for you and me as we join Jesus on His mission.

In looking ahead we see:

- **Vacation Bible School looming in the near future. I think we supplied material for around 500 students last year at an approximate cost of \$1,505.**
- **The Mission Mesias in Rio Bravo has never had running water. For around five hundred dollars we will enable them to sign a contract that will provide them with water and sewer service.**
- **We have about eight to ten more people who want to begin classes through the Fort Wayne and/or Argentinian Seminaries to be Pastors or Deaconesses.**
- **We have two men in San Luis Rio Colorado who are working in the missions who are receiving no financial aid. They both want to become Lutheran pastors.**
- **Pray for these needs and all the other needs we don't know about yet. But be careful for what you pray for because God sometimes says it time for you to get out of the boat and walk on water. (Faith Walk)**

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