



July Newsletter 2014

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Sorry about being so late with this Newsletter. We were privileged to spend ten days at Mallard Point on the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri with family members from Ohio, Illinois, and

Texas. One week later we got a chance to spend six days in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas with my mother's side of the family. The scenery was relaxing, the food was delicious, and the golf was entertaining.

Now it is time to get back to my friends in Mexico who are busy preaching the Word, studying the Scriptures, working with the youth, and doing Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones, VBS, from Matamoros, to Veracruz, to Mexico City, to Guadalajara, to San Luis Rio Colorado, and more. If you get a chance to go on Facebook look us up at KIMA and see some of the things that are happening down in Mexico.

Some of you can get excited about this because you helped it to happen. Over nine hundred children will hear the story of Jesus' love because these men, women, and youth of Mexico are spreading the Word by means of the materials that you made possible by your gifts back to the Lord in the form of your prayers and contributions.

Each time I send out this Newsletter I send it out to almost 222 different addresses.

Sometimes I wonder how important this work of the Great Commission is for many people. Here we have a chance to help at least eighteen different congregations and/or missions in Mexico to reach out with God's Word to people who have not yet learned of the love that God has for them. We need to remember that there are many people out there who would be lost if God came back today!

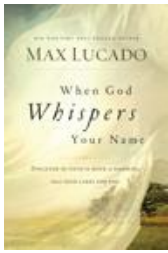
We are here today because God wants us to help Him on His mission. He is doing all the hard work, preparing the people, but are we ready to join Him on His mission?

I read an interesting excerpt from Max Lacado the other morning. It was entitled: [Too Close to Where You Got In](#). Max says: "I like the story of the little boy who fell out of bed. When his mom asked him what happened, he answered, 'I don't know. I guess I stayed too close to where I got in.'

Easy to do the same with our faith. It's tempting just to stay where we got in and never move. How does your prayer life today compare with then? How about your giving? And Bible study? Can you tell you've grown?

2 Peter 3:18 says, 'but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.'

If a child ceased to develop, the parent would be concerned, right? Doctors would be called and tests would be run. If you're the same Christian you were a few months ago, be careful. You might be wise to get a check up.

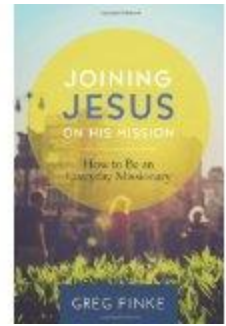


Not on your body, but on your heart. Not a physical...but a spiritual.”

From [When God Whispers Your Name](#)

Food for thought? I hope so! Not just for KIMA and its ministry, but for the Lord and His mission. “He is on a grand adventure to redeem and restore human lives to the kingdom of His Father. This is nothing new.

Ever since He broke out of the tomb on Easter Sunday, Jesus has been on the loose, pursuing His redemptive mission, messing with people, ripening people, preparing people to be drawn back to the Father He loves.” Quote from [Joining Jesus on His Mission](#) by Greg Finke.



Before I go on I would like to share with you a few comments that we received from Rev. Samuel Perez Herrera. He was ordained in March and is one of the men who received the new study bible, La Biblia de la Reforma, from KIMA.



He writes: Pastor Norman Finke (KIMA) thank you for the gift of the Bible of the Reformation a good job of Editorial Concordia (CPH) and Rev. Hector Hoppe. It is a blessing to have these tools by which we can bring the sound doctrine of the Word of God preached in all its purity.

I got an email from Thrivent last week and it asked me where I wanted to designate my Choice Dollars? Didn't take me long to figure that one out!



Choice Dollars® can help support KIMA.

Think of the impact you—along with other eligible Thrivent members—can help make by directing Choice Dollars® to KIMA. The grant funding we receive from Thrivent Financial through this program can help us support workers, purchase Spanish Study Bibles from CPH, and make VBS materials available.

Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. Together, we can do even more to help strengthen communities and change lives.



So what has been happening while we were on vacation?

Well, here are a few things besides the Spanish Study Bibles and VBS materials.

Lay Pastor Job Jimenez sent the following report:

I'm happy because we can go on with the preaching of the gospel in our city.

We continue working in our local Church San Mateo, with different activities. We are organizing for our VBS in the coming weeks. I look for your prayers for this.

We thank God for each of you who continue to bless us and make our work possible.

I've been working hard on the mission El Fronterizo. We currently have a good number of people attending each week on Thursdays at 6 pm. The heat is horrible. Yesterday we were at 117 Fahrenheit. But this does not stop the people from attending joyfully to hear the word of God, even though we have no trees to

sit under, only six benches and a couple of chairs, and a wall of the old building that does not have electric service but provides us with a little shade to refresh us at our services.

But we are happy. We sing to Lord. We study the word of God and these people are so thankful with our Savior.

Pray for this group of fellow worshipers, because they have received with joy the salvation in Christ. We are currently conducting catechism classes with them. I hope to God to soon have some confirmations for the glory of God.

Thanks to the LWML, and LBCM (Lutheran Boarder Concerns Ministry) who last month donated pairs of kid's shoes.



Thanks to all of you who with your help make it possible for me to travel 1 hour from my home to share the gospel and good news of salvation to these people.

Thank you!! Faith Lutheran Church, KIMA, Connecting Generations, and all the people who the Lord knows are helping our ministry in Mexico.

Thanks for your love and support.

Lay Pastor Job Jimenez.



Last Sunday, July 27, 2014, was an exciting day for **Magdiel Fajardo**, his family, and all of you who have been supporting him all these years.

We first met Magdiel as a teenager in Mexico City. When he finished “high school” in Mexico, he came to Houston and spent one year living with a family who were members of Memorial Lutheran Church whose pastor was Rev. Scott Murray. During that year Magdiel attended Lutheran High School North.

Following that year he returned home to what was now in Guadalajara (the plight or blessing of being a pastor’s son). He had decided that he wanted to become a pastor and that’s when KIMA started helping finance his studies.

He enrolled at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, TX where he graduated with a degree in Engineering. While in Edinburg he attended Buen Pastor Lutheran Church in McAllen and helped out with music and youth.



After graduating from Pan American he enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He spent one year studying at our sister seminary in Cambridge, served his vicarage in Whiting, Indiana, and was then called to serve at **Grace Lutheran Church**, 423 East Fesler Street, Santa Maria, California 93454. They have a website: gracelutheransm.org, where you can find more information about this congregation.

Keep Rev. Magdiel Fajardo and his ministry in your prayers.



We do ask for your continual prayers and, if the Lord has blessed you, we ask that you might consider making a gift, small or large, towards this ministry. Besides those things mentioned above, we have our monthly commitments for the subsidy of workers in Mexico, expenses of providing computers for administration and theological classes, and the incidental activities that come along that only the Lord knows about.

May God bless you, your family, and your ministries!