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Two for One? Double your money? Do twice as much good with half the effort? Accomplish more for less? What other terms can you think of that would double the effect? Think about it for a minute!

In the meantime let's go back over some of the things that the Lord has prepared for us to do and see how He has blessed us.

- I. Pastor Isaac Garcia, president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, and his co-workers set a goal of being able to reach 1,000 students in Mexico through their Vacation Bible School programs. They contacted the leaders of eight churches and seven missions, plus two cities that would be new mission starts in the state of Veracruz. They missed their goal of one thousand students but came close with 915 students. So the Lord has found the workers, the students, and we have been able to provide material for the 915 students plus leaders' packets for the VBS programs. The total cost for the material is \$2422.64 plus \$387.35 for shipping. A total of \$2809.99. Praise the Lord!



- II. The Mision Luterana El Mesias near Rio Bravo has been trying to reach out into their community to share Jesus Christ. They are trying to attract people into joining in on their Bible classes, worship services, Internet Radio program, Vacation Bible school, and fund raising programs which include making and selling hamburgers, tamales, chicken, etc. Now can you imagine trying to do all this with no running water? That means carrying all water that might be needed, but it also means no bathrooms. See a need? Again, God has been working on providing workers with enthusiasm, neighbors that seem interested, and people who come around to see what worshiping as a Lutheran is all about. Need: running water and a sewer system so that they can have a kitchen and also bathrooms. God's challenge is how to provide that! God's answer -- "I've got it under control!" He touched some people's hearts and they donated the five hundred dollars to take care of the

immediate problem. The people at Mesias will sign a contract with the water department to provide the water and sewer. Praise the Lord! 😊

III. Lay-pastor Job Jimenez of Iglesia Evangélica Luterana San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora is also in charge of three missions that are out in the desert as far away as one hour. His car went the way of all old things in the desert so he did not have a way to get out to the missions to conduct services or Sunday School. Another organization, out west, managed to find a car for him but it is registered in the United States. It was great to now have a car but he couldn't use it until it is registered in Mexico. Problem? How about one thousand dollars? Again, God has provided the people to lead, the people to come and learn and worship, but what about the car? Because of some of our people being touched by God we were able to send six hundred dollars to be used towards registering the car. Praise the Lord! 😊

IV. The Lord has said that we are to pray the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field. That He has been doing. Presently there are six men laboring in the harvest field studying via the Internet to become Lutheran pastors. There are also two women working in the harvest fields as they prepare in the same way to become Deaconesses. Praise the Lord! 😊

V. There are six men currently serving as pastors or lay-pastors in four congregations and in four missions. These congregations and missions are small and are unable at this time to support a pastor. KIMA sends three thousand two hundred fifty-one dollars per month to help subsidize them. God provides the workers and we have committed ourselves to pay the \$3,251 in subsidy each month. It is teaching us to walk in faith. To this point we have been able to help these men and their families each month. Praise the Lord! 😊

These things do not necessarily come easy. But what a great feeling it is when we each, individually and collectively, can be a part of God's plan of bringing the message of His love to people who have not yet experienced that love. 😊

**So what was it that we were going to think about?
Double or nothing? No, two for one? I think maybe some
of you can be a part of this!**

At the beginning of May I received a letter via email from Lay-pastor Samuel Garcia of Bethel Lutheran Mission in Rio Rico, Tamaulipas. He said that they give thanks that this April God has allowed them to meet for three years serving Him in Rio Rico. They are working on some projects for this year. One of the projects is to expand the church building that is very narrow. He said that they already have some material and some of the money to start. The brothers are very inspired and pray to God that soon they will see the finished project. He said that their congregation was small and that they serve God with joy. They have some needs and GOD helps them. They thank God for Pastor Isaac Garcia who has provided them with eight pews. They still need a pulpit, altar, cross and a baptismal font.

Samuel said, "Pastor Finke, we have another need. We need transportation. We do not have the appropriate vehicle, a van, to transport the people to church. I want to make a request. Can you lend us the money to buy a van? The amount that we need is about \$1500 American

dollars. You could then discount \$100 from my monthly subsidy of \$400 until the loan is repaid.”

So how does two for one work? How about accomplishing two things with one gift of love from you and the Lord?

God is working on and through these people! They want to be able to transport people to their church in a small rural town where there is no transportation. They are working on it and need a loan of \$1,500 to get the van that they need. They will pay that back to us at one hundred dollars a month till the loan is paid off. That means that within a year \$1,200 of that loan will be repaid and will be available for helping to pay for the VBS material next year as Pastor Isaac Garcia and his co-workers set out to meet their goal of 1,000 students enrolled in VBS. Can you imagine how many people this might reach? First of all you have the people that will be transported to church in the van; you have the 1,000 students who will come to VBS, plus their moms and dads, their brothers and sisters, their aunts and uncles, some neighbors and friends at school. Did I say two for one? Can you imagine how many people God is getting ready right now to hear and experience His Word--His promises of salvation?

We are pleased to announce that Koinoneo Independent Mission Agency has been enrolled as a participating organization in Thrivent Choice.

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. Thrivent Financial members may direct Choice Dollars® to our organization in a particular month; Thrivent Financial reviews the recommendation and makes an electronic contribution by the 10th of the following month. Those funds will be used to carry out the religious, charitable or educational purposes of our organization.

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

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May God bless each and every one of you, your families, and your ministries.