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If I didn't thank you on behalf of Koinoneo Independent Mission Agency or the people in Mexico who are sharing the Good News that God loves us all, I want to be sure that you know that we did and do appreciate all that you have done through prayers, financial gifts, and for some of you actual hands on mission work in the field.

As I keep in contact with the various churches and mission sites we have worked with, it is a thrill to see children being taught, outreach being done, church anniversaries being celebrated, and expansions being planned. Five young men are now off to Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina studying to become ordained leaders of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico.



Bethel Mission at Rio Rico

The Lord has moved you along His path and things keep changing. Throughout this though, the one thing that hasn't changed is the fact that our God still loves us and is still calling us to join Jesus on His mission of leading lost and troubled souls back to Him so that they can be received into His Kingdom forever.

One way that you can do that is to become more involved in a ministry like KIMA's. By that I don't mean just throwing a few bucks that way every once in a while. I mean getting to know something about the people in Mexico who are

involved in that ministry. Who they are; where they live; their families; their needs; what they do; their goals; how and where they worship. Then give a hand to them as a friend, a fellow

brother or sister in Christ. Do you know the marvels of the times in which we live? I can “talk” to most of the people with whom we are doing ministry and I don’t speak any Spanish. Messenger on Facebook even translates it for me or I can go to Google translate or any number of other translating tools and change back and forth from English to Spanish!

Because of God’s plans for His people, KIMA’s mission hasn’t changed either. KIMA is an agency of like-minded, Spirit-led, individuals and congregations seeking opportunities to assist other 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.



Expansion at Mesias Mission near Rio Bravo

Our method of doing this may have changed but I’m not so sure that it’s not for the better. We are spending more of our time simply raising funds to support the work that the people of Mexico are doing themselves. They seek advice; we give our input, they pray about it, and do what they feel the Lord is showing them to do. They are on that same merry-go-round as we are and focusing on the things that God brings to their attention.

The Great Commission won’t go away until the LORD decides that now is the time for us all to come home. Until that moment His directive is still there, “Go...make disciples...baptize ...teach them everything I have commanded you,” and His promise hasn’t changed either, “I will be with you always, to the end of the age.”



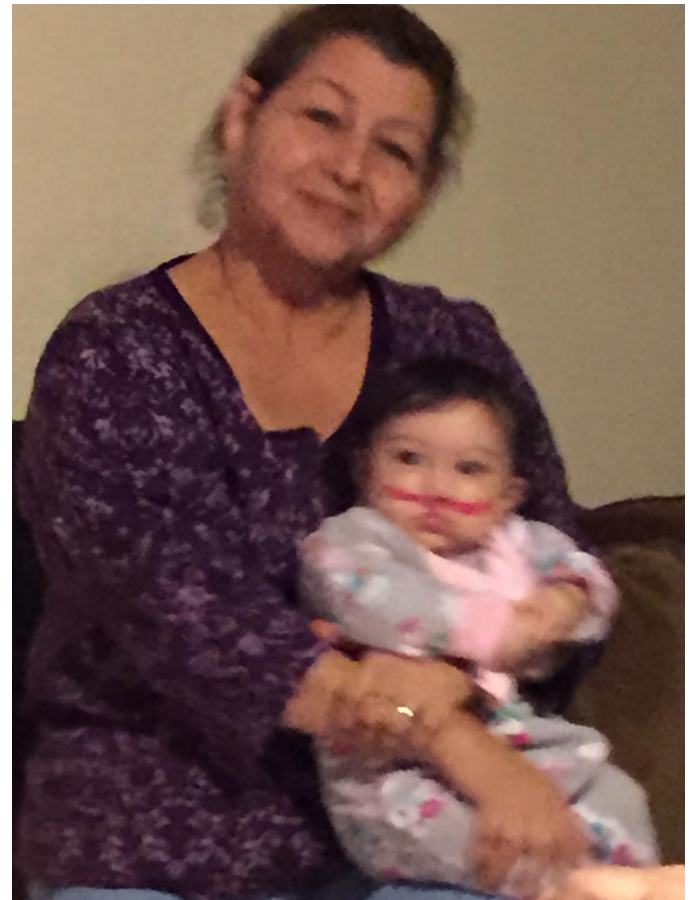
Baptism in the Rio Grande River



Bible School at Betania in Rio Bravo

I would like to ask that you include KIMA in your prayers along with its mission of reaching out to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ in Mexico as they continue to be a vital part of the Body of Christ. If the Lord has blessed you in such a way as you are able, I would ask for any financial

support that you might be moved to give as we prepare for VBS programs for next summer, expand walls and put new roofs on churches, and help start new missions.



Last week Wednesday I was in Alamo, Texas delivering an altar, a cross, some altar vases, a wheelchair, some walkers, Christmas toys for the children, some Spanish Arch Books and a coloring book from Concordia Gospel Outreach for the people at Bethel Mission in Rio Rico. While I was there I gathered in a circle with the people you see above and prayed for the little baby girl, Cassandra, that you see sitting on her grandmother Sylvia's lap. Cassandra will be operated on tomorrow morning at the children's hospital in Corpus Christi. With the Lord's help and the doctors' and nurses' skills, they will repair her cleft lip or cleft palate. They asked for your prayers.

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May the Lord continue to bless you as you join Jesus on His Mission.

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