



KIMA Newsletter December 2015

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I pray that all of you are being touched by the joy of this time of the year when we focus on the gift given to us in our Savior Jesus Christ. He came to us as a tiny baby to do the things we could not do. He came so we could once again, for the first time in our lifetime, be right with God.

I wanted to share something else I discovered yesterday. I got a letter from Thrivent which said: "Compassion and generosity are values that Thrivent Financial and our members embrace. Thrivent Choice® enables members like

you to offer your support to those that need it the most. By directing Choice Dollars®, you have a voice in where some of our outreach funds go."

Well, after being told that this month they are featuring an animal shelter, they told me that I had more Choice Dollars® to direct. So I took the money they said I could direct and directed it to go to Koinoneo Independent Mission Agency where it could do more than provide shelter for some animals but could share the Good News of what this and every Christmas is about. God loves me and He wants me to join Him on His mission of bringing that message to everyone within my reach.

So, I invite you to check in with Thrivent to see if you have any Choice Dollars® to direct. It is very simple. In fact they sent me an insert with instructions. I have attached a copy of that below. I pray that you would at least consider KIMA as a possibility for your Choice Dollars®.



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Online

- Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Click on the blue "Get started now" link located on the right portion of the screen under "Direct Choice Dollars" and log in.
- Search for your preferred organization(s).
 - You can find an organization that you previously directed Choice Dollars to or you can search for a different organization.
- Choose where you'd like to direct Choice Dollars.

Phone

- Call **800-847-4836**.
- Say "Thrivent Choice®," when prompted.
- A representative will process your request.

The Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program engages Thrivent members and chapters in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law. All grants are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent. Directing Choice Dollars® is subject to the program's Terms and Conditions available at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

I would also like to let you know that we have received \$3,019 thus far this year from Thrivent Choice Dollars®. Praise God and thank you Thrivent Financial!

Special thanks also go out to all who have designated KIMA for their Choice Dollars®. Seventeen people have done so and have been a blessing to KIMA’s ministry of supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ as they seek to go and make disciples among the people of their communities in Mexico.



You are probably all too young to remember things like playing with mercury. You know, that silvery liquid that is in a thermometer? I can remember playing with it, trying to pick it up, control it, and it would always kind of squirt out and do its own thing. That’s the way it seemed as I was trying to put together the things needed to be done in order to help the people at Mesias in the colonia Francisco I. Madero (Rio Bravo) with their construction project of completing their new temple to praise and honor God.

Money was donated to cover costs of lumber etc., shingles for the roof and tile for the floors had to be purchased, and it all had to be shipped from Houston to Progreso, Texas. I struggled but it would never fall into place. When I finally said, “Alright God, you do it!” the fun began. I wish you all could have seen it all fall into place! Suffice it to say everything is now down there and ready to go. Special thanks to Sammy Sorsby, Bill Atwood, the Women in Mission at Redeemer Lutheran in Austin, Pamela Haynes, Gamma Construction, some roofing company, Greg from Dobbins Floor Covering, and men named Mike Shaw, Tim, Ken, and Salvador who made the shipping possible. I especially thank Pam Haynes for hanging in there and, with God’s help, pulled it all together!



The remarkable part of all this is that I don’t think that one month ago hardly any



of these people that were thought that that they would be way, especially at this time. love for God works!

involved in this project ever instruments of God in this It’s wonderful to see how the

We say, “’Tis the season to be jolly.” Well, I got news for everyone -- when you have the “Love of Jesus down in your heart” it’s always the season to be jolly!

May God grant you all a jolly and blessed Christmas time and fill you with His love all the yearlong!

In His love,
Rev. Norman Finke - Executive Director of KIMA

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