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“There is a great harvest,” he told them, “but only a few are working in it—which means you must pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will send out more reapers. Luke 10:2 PHILLIPS

Been praying? Somebody must be! This week the fifth seminarian from Mexico is heading down to Seminario Concordia in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His name is Benjamin Quezada. He recently married a lady by the name of Mayela and she has two daughters, Mareane age 15 and Pamela age 12. This is the first time for them to travel out of the country so, again, it will be quite an adjustment; married life, two children, and a new country with a new culture.

Benjamin has been serving at San Pedro Lutheran Church in Mexico City for the past year. I spoke to him two days ago and he sent us the following letter via email:



Dear Rev. Norman Finke,

First of all, I want to thank you for your call and your kind interest on supporting us as a family. It is always surprising how God works in our life through his Holy Ghost, people, and servants.

I know that KIMA has supported the Lutheran Synod of Mexico in many ways, so, in behalf of the “San Pedro” Lutheran Church located in Mexico City, I want to thank you very much for your love, mercy, and friendship showed till today. We give many thanks to God for all of you.

The *Vacation Bible School* was carried out last week in our church; without a doubt, it was a great opportunity to share the Gospel with the children in our local area. I don’t know if some members of the church took some pictures of the VBS, but I’m going to ask for them in order to share some pictures with you.

Concerning to what we talked in the morning, my family and I, we still have some personal stuff, books, and official documents that need to be ready for our next stay in

Argentina. For example, a payment for an extra baggage need to be pay at the airport on Thursday; there are some books that I would like to buy for my theological studies in Argentina. Tomorrow, we need to finish with some official papers and their apostil; also we are trying to get a laptop for the studies but it’s kind of expensive for us; etc.

Well, these are some expenses where we think maybe you can help; of course, if it’s in your possibilities. I think our next expenses will arise between 650 to 850 dollars to cover all. (If you need a bank account for the support, I may give mine.) To be honest, this is our first time out of Mexico, so we really don’t know how to get ready for this new stage in our life, but we trust that God will guide us and provide for our necessities.

Again, thank you for your support and love showed for Mexico and my family. God bless you!

In Christ,
Benjamín Quezada

We are trying to get together some funds to help them pay for the documentation needed, extra fees for luggage, a laptop computer for classes, expenses to settle into their new place of residence, and expenses to get the girls

enrolled in school. Keep them in your prayers and if any of you can help financially, please send any money to KIMA at 109 Noel, Waxahachie, TX 75165 and I will make sure that the funds get to Benjamin.

Last month was kind of a slow month in which not too much seemed to be happening. If you are looking for lots of activity it was a slow month. But behind the scenes plans were being made for Vacation Bible Schools, finals were being taken by our young men studying at the Seminary in Argentina, Pastor Isaac wasn't feeling well, a new piece of property was being developed in the Colonia Independencia for Rey de Gloria mission, negotiations were being conducted for a piece of property in Los Moras, plans are being finalized for Betania Lutheran to go on a mission trip to Veracruz, and Pastor Reyes is trying to get his transportation taken care of by fixing his old vehicle or getting a newer one.



This month all the action begins again; Pastor Isaac is feeling better and is back in the saddle again; Vacation Bible schools, mission trips are being conducted, and it's back to classes for our Seminarians.

Vacation Bible School

12 churches, 1,200 children, 1 mission trip, and how many more will hear of the Love of Jesus? It is truly a privilege and honor to work together with many of you who are making this possible.



Often I remember the fun we had going on mission trips and even today as I sat at the hospital, waiting my turn to be seen, I heard of a lady who was excited about the mission trip some of her friends had gone on to Costa Rica. That's

great! But the real blessing is being able to help those who have not yet really experienced the Love of Jesus to

feel and experience that through the things that the Lord allows or asks us to do. For most of us it is not practical for us to go down into Mexico and do the kind of things we once were able to do. We would soon become the targets of oppression rather than the bearers of the Good News. But God is providing the workers, the reapers, to reap the harvest and He has blessed many of us with the wherewithal to help the reapers gather in the harvest. Maybe you can't go but you can give! And what joy it will be to hear these words of our Lord, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40



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Together, we can do even more to help strengthen communities and change lives. Last month through the generous gift of one family we received Choice Dollars in the amount of \$904.



Pastor Isaac Garcia, president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico asked that you continue to pray for them and their ministry in Mexico.

- Pray for the five students at the Seminary in Argentina: Samuel Perez Herrera, his wife Mayra, and two sons, Samuel & Paul; Neftali Garcia Guevara; Job Jimenez; and Guillermo Leyva; Benjamin Quezada, his wife Mayela, and two daughters, Mareane and Pamela; their parents, brothers & sisters, and their home churches.
- Pray that someone will be moved to supply some personal financial assistance for the five seminary students from Mexico who are attending the Seminary in Argentina.
- Pray for San Juan Lutheran Church in Mexicali that the Lord would provide them with a leader and that they get excited and work together with the Lutheran Synod of Mexico.
- Pray for continued blessings on the mission in Rio Rico, assistance with the problem of the roof, and the needed church furnishings.
- Pray for Betania's mission trip to Veracruz.
- Pray that the Lord would supply a pastor for the people at San Pedro Lutheran Church in Mexico City.
- Pray that the Lord would move His people to supply the \$2,900+ needed each month for subsidy to congregations in Mexico.

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

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

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