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What excites you? I get excited about the unexpected, things that bring joy, accomplish getting others excited, and bring with it something meaningful. Well, here is something I find exciting! It's a small piece of land just south of the Rio Grande River ceded by the United States to Mexico in 1977. It is near Weslaco, Mercedes, and Progreso in an area that has long been forgotten or written off because it is no longer in the United States. Well, "there's life in those hills." God's been at work preparing the people left there, and wah-lah! You see what's happening!



Bethel Lutheran Church, Rio Rico, Tamaulipas

(Near Progreso)

(The beginning and the proposed)

On January 29, 2011 we sent a check to Rev. Isaac Garcia to purchase a piece of land and an abandoned building in Rio Rico for a total of \$1,600. (Upper left). Rev. Isaac Garcia, members of Betania Lutheran Church in Rio Bravo, and Samuel Garcia Marquez began to lay the groundwork for a new mission. They fixed up the building, borrowed money from KIMA to buy a used van, went out onto the streets and lanes to pick up people, had VBS, youth camps, baptisms, and guest speakers.

Four years later Samuel and his wife Alicia, under the Lord's guidance and blessing, head up Bethel Lutheran Mission at Rio Rico. And--- **they are running out of room.**



They just paid off their church van and now they want to add onto the old church to get more space, add two bathrooms and a small office, and generally fix it all up to honor our Lord in heaven.

They have begun working on it pouring some concrete floors, adding some walls and now they have run out of money. They have the workers, the desire to complete the task, a sense of urgency, and they do not want to wait

around when there are souls to be won. Lay-pastor Samuel Garcia estimates that if they had \$1,950.00 they could complete the project.

\$1,950! Sounds like a nice project for some church, or men's, ladies', or youth group.

Wouldn't that be something to be proud of -- the Lord using you to extend His Kingdom in Rio Rico! Maybe you could find another group to join in with you, a good ole zone or circuit activity.

- Think about it!
- Pray about it!
- Consider the honor of partnering together with our Heavenly Father reaching out to those whom He loves.



Together, let's see if we can't make this dream a reality!



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