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I hope you have been checking out our website or watching Facebook. It seems that there are Vacation Bible School programs going on all over Mexico. The members of Betania Lutheran in Rio Bravo even went on a mission trip to Veracruz to conduct a VBS program. That's about a seven-and-a-half-hour trip. Here is a picture of the VBS program at El Mesias in Rio Bravo. They had about forty-five students. Lay-pastor Luis Moreno and his wife Rosario are pictured here.



I also have some good news from Thrivent Financial. I received an email today that stated that Thrivent Financial had made a deposit of \$741.00 in KIMA's account on behalf of their Thrivent Choice program. This amount was based on what seven people did. This is not the complete amount that we should receive because I know that more people have designated their Choice Dollars to KIMA, people like my wife, my sister, my son and several other members of our congregation who have notified me of what they have done.

What a blessing this is to our ministry! We have had to "borrow money from Peter to pay Paul." We were getting a little low on monies designated to pay the pastors and lay-pastors a small subsidy. We bought airplane tickets for Neftali and Guillermo to fly to the Dominican Republic for their last year of seminary training. We are beginning to set money aside for next year's VBS programs. And, who knows, maybe when these two additional men become pastors we might be able to help open up a new mission.

If you are a Thrivent member, listen up!

As part of Thrivent Financial's "Summer of Impact" campaign, they have given each member \$50 in choice dollars to give to their favorite charity!

Simply log in to your account and you will see the free choice dollars there! There is an \$8 million cap on this and it ends August 31. When either of those are reached, the chance is gone. If you do not designate your dollars before 8/31, they will be removed from your account. If \$8 million is designated before you get to your account, the dollars will be removed.

So go log in to your Thrivent account and designate your choice dollars to KIMA!!

Ever hear of a Thrivent Action Team? It starts with an idea powered by your passion. Bring a volunteer team together to make an immediate impact on a cause you care about.



Every year the LWML of Trinity, Weatherford and the members of Christ the King, Waxahachie put together a team of people to create an activity that makes a positive impact on KIMA. The ladies of Trinity, Weatherford have a craft sale and the members of Christ the King, Waxahachie put on an Octoberfest dinner followed by an auction of household items, most of which are homemade items. These two projects could be part of a Thrivent

Action Team project.

If you have a passion to help KIMA or some aspect of its ministry Thrivent will help. If you go to <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/> they will tell you all about it. After you have applied and your project accepted you will receive an action kit which will contain T shirts, a banner to promote the project, and a VISA card with \$250 credit to be used for seed money for supplies needed to carry out the project.

If you want to pick a specific project here are some of the areas we cover each year:

❖ Subsidies to help workers and congregations.

- Rev. Samuel Perez Herrera and San Juan in Mexicali, Baja California
- Rev. Isaac G. Garcia Castillo and Betania in Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas
- Lay-pastor Jose Reyes and El Divino Emanuel in Guasave, Nueva Jerusalén in San Pedro, and a mission in Las Moras, Sinaloa
- Rev. Samuel Perez Gaona and El Sembrador in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon
- Lay-pastor Josafat Basto and Ejido El Fronterizo (San Lucas), Ejido Independencia (Rey De Gloria), and Ejido Meza Rica (Santo Tomas)
- Lay-pastor Saul Silva and San Mateo in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora
- Lay-pastor Jose Luis Moreno and Mision El Mesias in Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas
- Lay-pastor Samuel Garcia Marquez and Mision Luterana Betel at Rio Rico, Tamaulipas



Christ the King, Waxahachie Octoberfest and auction

- ❖ Student Aid (Spending money for personal items and an extra meal here and there)
 - Neftalí Garcia Guevara
 - Guillermo Leyva Cruz
- ❖ Vacation Bible School Materials
- ❖ Emergency Medical Assistance for Ministers and their family (\$2800 out right now in loans)
- ❖ Opening and Maintaining New Missions
- ❖ Portals of Prayer for Congregations
- ❖ Bibles, Catechisms, and other Religious Books
- ❖ Theological Convocation in Austin. travel, meals, etc. (We bring several leaders each year)
- ❖ Miscellaneous - supplies, bank fees, and unexpected items
- ❖ Transportation - repairs to vehicles of pastors and air transportation for leaders
- ❖ A Vehicle for Rev. Samuel Perez Herrera

And finally, we want to thank the Lord and the people of these five congregations who are self-supporting. They are:

- ❖ La Santisima Trinidad in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Lay-pastor Omar Garza Martinez
- ❖ El Buen Pastor in Mexico City, Rev. Andrew Schlund, LCMS Missionary
- ❖ San Pedro in Mexico City, Vicar Benjamin Quezada and Rev. Daniel Conrad, LCMS Missionary
- ❖ San Pablo in Mexico City, Rev. Alvaro Lopez
- ❖ Todos los Santos in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Rev. Carlos Catalan



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