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"When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality."

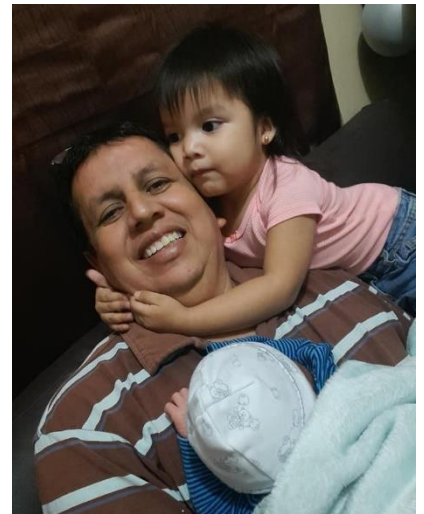
Romans 12:13, NLT:



Sometimes we wonder about why certain things are happening to us or around us.

I guess that from living in the good old USA most of us assume that people have one kind of insurance or another. Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare or maybe Jake from State Farm. I think that we have all found out that that is not necessarily true.

Back in November of 2019, two of KIMA's Board members attended a Forum at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Harlingen, Texas. It consisted of groups like KIMA, churches from as far away as Minnesota and El Paso, LCMS regional directors of Latin America and the Caribbean, plus representatives of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, and the Texas District LCMS. We all gathered so that jointly we could assist the SLM to become the entity that they have worked and prayed for.



Pastor Luis Moreno and two of his grandchildren

One concern that the SLM had and was shared by many at the Forum, was that the pastors of the SLM did not have any type of retirement or health plan. It was mentioned that the national government of Mexico did offer something that was called Social Security Insurance. In Mexico, the goal of social security is to guarantee the right to health, medical care, the protection of the means of subsistence and the granting of a pension.

In February of last year, KIMA received a special gift from God through one of our Board members. We were thus able to put all the pastors of the SLM under the (IMSS) Social Security Insurance program. KIMA pays \$800 a month for the eight pastors who do not have Social Security Insurance.

Earlier this year Rev. Neftali Garcia made use of this program this summer when he had dengue. (a mosquito-borne tropical disease caused by the dengue virus). Pastor Luis Moreno is in the process of having a tumor removed from his head that is impairing his sight. Without the Social Security Insurance, they would not be able to afford or have the operation.



Yes, we are looking for some financial help for Pastor Luis Moreno. Last week, he and his wife Rosario, spent two days in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon talking to the medical people as to what was to be done.

If I got this right, he will be traveling the 155 miles (approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes) to return to Monterrey on Sunday May 2nd. On Monday May 3rd, there will be a lot of blood tests, x-rays, and general testing of the heart.

On May 11th, he returns to Monterrey for an MRI on May 12th.

And finally, on May 17th, he returns to Monterrey for a May 18th meeting with the anesthesiologist, the endocrinologist, and neurosurgeon. At that time, they will decide if all is ready and schedule the operation. He told me that he could even be admitted that day for the operation.



In the meantime, Luis will have to meet with doctors there in Reynoso to arrange radiotherapy. The tumor would not be entirely removed because it is attached to two nerves which, if damaged, would cause complete vision loss. To undo those residues, he will need radiotherapy for one-and-a-half to two years.

This has taken a long time coming. Somewhere around November Luis began trying to get some help for his sight problem. They did finally find that there was a tumor growing on his optic nerve in his head.

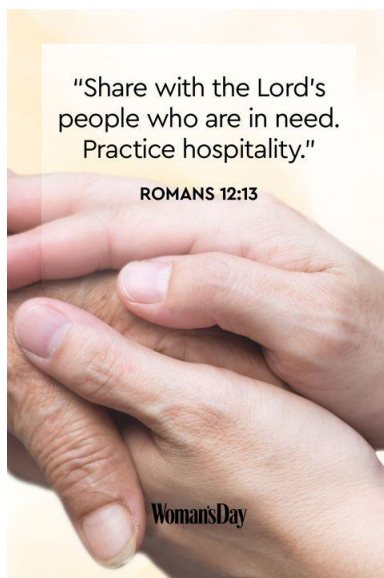
The Covid-19 raised its ugly head and all the students who were studying to be Doctors etc. went on strike. They did this because the government was only willing to give the vaccine to doctors and nurses who were already certified and not to students who provided much of the workforce.

It truly has been a blessing that he and all the other pastors of the SLM are covered under the Social Security Insurance plan. One of the problems connected to this whole procedure is that the insurance does not cover transportation or lodging.

Each trip with an overnight stay costs approximately \$150. A hotel room near the hospital has the cost of 700 pesos for 24 hours. (about \$35 a day.)

The last words that Pastor Luis Moreno sent me were: "My desire is to serve God with much or little sight and share the gospel." "Thank you for all your support."

Let the love of God take hold of your life.



This short-and-sweet verse doesn't need much explaining. God wants you to take the blessings you have received and share them with others who you encounter, especially those who are in need.

If any of you are moved by the Holy Spirit to give a helping hand to Luis Moreno and his wife Rosario, please send it to KIMA, 109 Noel Ave., Waxahachie, Texas 75165 or you may contribute electronically by going to the Internet at: <https://app.moonclerk.com/pay/3npxmz29g32a>

If for some unknown reason gifts are greater than expenses, we will put the designated money to help Pastor Luis build the addition onto the church so that they can have a meeting room, kitchen, and a place to barbeque.

May God continue to bless each of you as you carry out your role in working with Jesus to fulfill the Great Commission.

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