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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



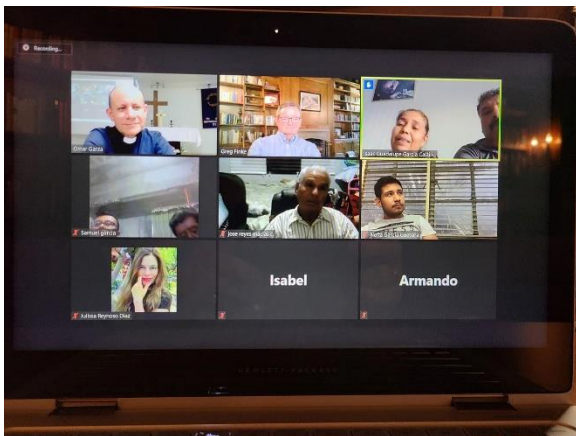
Happy birthday Pastor Isaac!

Happy birthday my dear friend Pastor Isaac! You have been a special inspiration in the lives of many people. May God continue to bless you and your ministry. Find some time to sit back, breathe deeply, and relax with his beloved wife Yolanda.

If you want to wish Pastor Isaac a Happy birthday he is on

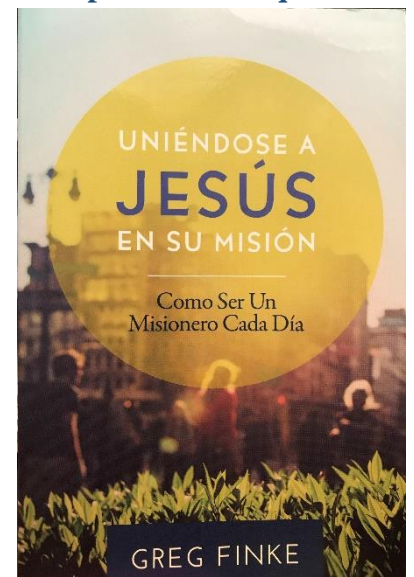
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For those of you who are trying to help God's people in need, I thought it might be interesting to hear some of the things that have been going on through God's work with KIMA to our Hispanic brothers and sisters in Christ.



On May 8, 2021, under the leadership of Dr. Gerald Brunworth, KIMA, in conjunction with Dwelling 1:14 and the leadership of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico conducted an online meeting of Pastors, Deaconesses, and leaders from Mexico. One of the purposes was to help answer the question of how we can be more intentional about joining Jesus' mission in the community around us. Pastor Isaac estimated that we had around one hundred participants. Pastor Omar lead the

presentation with Pastor Greg Finke sitting on the side to answer any question that needed clarification. Each participant was given a Spanish copy of "Joining Jesus on His Mission." In the weeks preceding the online meeting, Pastor Omar translated a guide of each of the chapters outlining the question to be discussed. During the presentation, the group was divided up into smaller groups of four or five to have live conversations about what was being discussed. As a follow up to this online meeting Pastors Omar and Greg Finke will online one evening a month to discuss what has been happening at the various churches who continue to participate.



KIMA is in the process of working with Dr. Gerald Brunworth and Rev. Juan Zamora in developing a similar program with HML (Hispanic Missionary League). This HML consists of Hispanic pastors and deaconess who are active here in the United States. There would be approximately 150 people involved. We are working with their Executive Board and need to come up with some funding so that we can finance the program and supply the Spanish book *Uníendose a en su Misión*, etc.



Rosario and Pastor Luis

We had hoped that on May 18th Pastor Luis Moreno would have his operation on the tumor that is on the optic nerve near his brain. He sent me the following message late on the 18th after he got home. “In the studies I came out high in sugar and the thyroid a little uncontrolled. I will have treatment for two months and at the end I will have a consultation and they will give me a hospitalization date for the first week of August for the operation.” I asked if they thought he had diabetes and what kind of treatment he would receive? He said, “I’ve had diabetes for a year, and I have to take sitagliptin with metformin for diabetes for 2 months and levothyroxine sodium thyroid treatment for 2 months.” I then asked him if they gave him some kind of diet to follow. Luis said, “a strict diet and I need to exercise to lose weight. On June 22 I travel to Monterrey to do some laboratory studies, and on July 19 and 20 I travel to know the results and a probable appointment for surgery in the first week of August.” Just a note. We sometimes complain about having to drive a half hour to go see a doctor. Rio Bravo is 150 miles away from Monterrey. Luis also said that after the operation he may have to stay in the hospital for two weeks and then two more weeks in Monterrey. They hope they can find a furnished apartment to rent for one month. The problem right now is that nobody knows what the dates for this will be. Keep them in your prayers.



Last week I talked with Rev. Neftali. Here is a transcript from Facebook Messenger. Hello Neftali, how is everything going there in São Paulo? How is the refurbishing of the parsonage going? Have you been able to follow up with some of the people and share the love of Jesus as we discussed in the online show, "Joining Jesus on His Mission"? Are you still in contact with the people in that area that you used to go to and worship with? What do people like you do to get around the busy city? Are you going to have to get a car?

Neftali sent:

Hello shepherd! Everything is fine here! With a lot of work. A few weeks ago, the traffic light (that’s their term for the code of restrictions because of covid) changed in Mexico City, that allows for more movement, and it is also bringing more work in the city, people are already allowing me to visit them pastorally. Most of the members have returned, we

are having a good attendance in the Sunday services.

More people are getting involved in Sunday school and weekday services.

Thank you very much for your support, thank you also to the families who have been supporting. It is very blessed.

I continue to pray for my neighbors, with whom I have begun to work as we saw in the workshop “joining Jesus in his mission”. It was a great blessing for my life. Now I have had longer talks with my neighbor, I hope soon she can join us in church.

I am also about to start a catechetical group with some young people

With the group in Ecatepec, we are also already organizing to return, I have spoken with some of them and they are very happy for me to share the word of God with them again.

Also, every day, from Monday to Saturday, I share a 3-minute audio devotional, some brothers have

started to share it with their friends.

This is opening the possibility that he is going to visit a new place in a city called Tula, Hidalgo. It is approximately 2 to 2 and a half hours on the way. I'm praying, I think this would be a good place to start a Bible study group and in the future a mission.

I transport myself in the city by means of public transport, subway and bus. It's usually always full, despite the pandemic, but it's the cheapest way to get around. I hope in the future to be able to get a car, I think it would be good to visit places like Ecatepec faster and the place I hope to visit soon, Tula Hidalgo.

We all ask for blessings on Neftali and his ministry. It is always good to hear what is going on with him and the people of San Pablo!



Front door of San Pablo in Mexico City



Then on Friday of last week I had the following conversation with Rev. Guillermo in Guadalajara.

Hello Guillermo, how is everything going there in Guadalajara? You always look so good when I see your services on Sundays. That was a nice baptism the other day! What are some of the weekly activities that take place in the church? Do the children still have Sunday school during the worship service and come at the end?

How is covid affecting things? We are getting closer to getting back to "normal" around here.

Hello Pastor Finke. Everything is going well, thank God little by little improving. Thank you very much for watching my broadcasts on Facebook. Yes, so far I have had 5 baptisms, I have 3 weddings pending (two weddings in August and one wedding in September). Yes, pastor we continue to have Bible school during the service. The children come back at the end to tell what they learned. Here things have already returned to normal. This month we start with all the activities. And how are you pastor? How is your health? I also take this opportunity to thank you for the support you gave me from the brothers in Arkansas from Bruce and Dot. Tell the brothers that I have good memories of them since they met me several times on their visits to San Luis Río Colorado in Sonora. God bless you and bless this family in Christ.

Pastor, here I share the activities of the week: Pastoral accompaniment (By phone, digital media) 2 hours a day a week; Sundays Divine Service 11:am; Transmission of the Divine Service through Facebook Live, at 11 am; Tuesday Women's Bible Study in person and via Zoom at 11 am; Men's Bible study Wednesday 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Visiting days available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (In the afternoon) Thursday devotional shared with church WhatsApp groups; 11am Thursday Catechism; 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Gentlemen's Meeting the last Friday of the month; 5:30 pm (we start in May) Face-to-face meeting of young people, Saturday 5:30 pm (twice a month).



The ministry at Betania Lutheran in Rio Bravo



Saturday Bible Class for the children of the neighborhood



I asked Pastor Isaac on May 28, how many windows and how many doors are going to be needed to finish the church. Do you have any idea how much a window or door will cost? Some people have asked if they could help by donating a door or window. So, I was trying to figure out how much each one could cost.

Pastor Isaac Guadalupe said, Good afternoon pastor, thank you very much for your help and for your love for God's work.

I have a budget for the windows in the front and the three in the back are 2800 dollars. I still need to get the budget for the doors that would be 5 normal doors and the front door of the main entrance. For the electrical installation they measured a budget of 1500 dollars for material and installation. There are three windows in the back and three in front.

With the 3200 dollars that you sent, we have finished fencing the inside of the temple, the entrance and the office, that was what we managed to do with the money. The children's room and the outside and the façade have yet to be clad.



Inside of the temple with the white cement finishing



The inside is already white.
There are the windows in front.

I asked: The upstairs children's meeting room (is that what you call it?) still needs to be done together with the room near the office? What room is that? A bathroom or a nursery?
Do you need \$ 1,500 USD for electrical work? Is that light fixtures and installing them?

The children's room is upstairs and what is in front of the office

is a bathroom. It is the electrical installation and the material.

The church still lacks a lot of material work, but little by little, first God. I thank you for everything that has helped us. God bless all the brothers who support us in this project.

I responded: Little by little we will achieve it. It is always good to hear what is going on, not only with construction but also with ministry.

I felt delighted to talk with these people of God, brothers, and sisters in Christ. Their hearts are certainly right with God. Financial resources are hard for them to come by. God has called each of us to be an active part of the Great Commission. God has blessed us beyond what most of the world could even imagine. My wife and I know we will one day stand before the Lord. He will smile down on us, not because of what we have done, but because of His all-surpassing love and grace. We want to be able to feel that we have done all we can do to use the gifts God has given us and have that special feeling of knowing that others are standing there in God's presence because of what God has enabled us to do.

I fear, occasionally, when I see groups that once generously supported God's outreach through KIMA, now cut back because something else locally has become more important. I don't think that the Lord had any intention of anyone cutting back, but rather for us to increase our giving to cover these previously overlooked areas of need.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4: 8

We need each of you to help because for each dollar donated, we see it going into hands of people who are trying to share the love of God with the less fortunate in their neighborhoods and communities. Malachi 3:10-11 “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,” says the LORD of Hosts. “See if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out for you blessing without measure. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your land, and the vine in your field will not fail to produce fruit,” says the LORD of Hosts.... [Berean Study Bible](#) .

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