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This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

“But for you who fear My name [with awe-filled reverence] the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go forward and leap [joyfully] like calves [released] from the stall.” Malachi 4:2 Amplified Bible

In Malachi 4:2, Christ is called the Sun of Righteousness that will rise with healing in His wings. Like the rays and beams of the sun swiftly spreads its light and heat, Christ came to heal the soul diseases of His people. He did this through the shedding of His blood, suffering, dying, and rising again. This healing is thorough, certain, and free.

In Luther’s Works, Volume 14, page 100, it says: “This is a happy day, as the psalmist here rejoices and says: ‘Let us be glad!’ The light and teaching of grace gives the heart peace, rest, and joy in Christ. It realizes that its sins are without merit, that it is delivered from death, and that in God it forever has a gracious Father through Christ, as St. Paul says (Rom. 5:1): ‘Therefore since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.’ And then he further describes this peace and joy as something that endures in tribulation and gives courage. No unbeliever can know anything of this joy and peace, nor can those who by their works endeavor to be pious and wipe out their sins....”



Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

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Today, every day, under the Lord’s bright shining, is the day that we learn of grace, peace, and forgiveness of sins before God, of which our own reason knows little or nothing. Do you remember the joy you felt, maybe even a few joyful tears running down your cheek, when you were confirmed, or received the Lord’s Supper, received special forgiveness from someone, sat around a campfire and sang “Kumbaya My Lord”, or went on a mission trip? That joy is a sign of Jesus living in you filling you with the desire to walk side by side with Him sharing the Good News of His free gift of salvation.

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Romans 10:14-15 New International Version



How beautiful are your feet? Need a pedicure?

So how does all this tie in with what all of us are trying to do through KIMA? If it is a matter of just writing out a check, I’m not so sure where that fits in. Add to those daily prayers lifting up to God the people you are helping then maybe we got something. If it is an inner desire to join our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in love, reaching out to assist others, who are more strategically located, to share the Love of God with the people they are able to contact so they may be likewise filled with the Love of God, then there has got to be the love of

Jesus deep down in your heart and it just keeps bubbling over into the lives of others.

With the support of those of you who have the love of Jesus bubbling over into the lives of others, we have been able to subsidize ten churches and provide Social Security Insurance for the ten workers. The subsidy is running at \$4,340 a month and the Social Security Insurance for the ten Pastors is another \$800 a month. Currently, after 7 months we are running \$2,208.77 short. I'm sure that God will provide for that through someone's love offering.



Pastor Luis Moreno will be checking in with the surgeons in Monterrey in another week. He hopes to have surgery on his optic nerve where it connects to his brain. He will be in Monterrey for a month after the surgery. His Social Security Insurance is making this possible and individuals and Zion Lutheran Church of Dallas are taking care of his apartment rental and travel expenses. Please, keep Luis and his wife Rosario in your prayers.



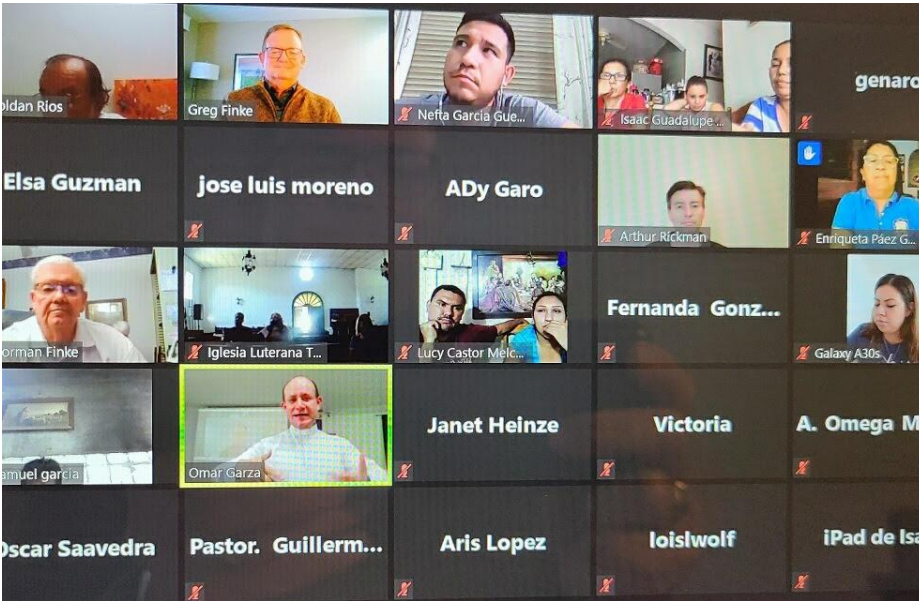
Before the pandemic hit, the people of Betania Lutheran Church in Rio Bravo conducted a Saturday Bible School for the children of that community. Many of the children only had a single parent who worked, and this left the children with a lot of free time. Betania took this

opportunity and used it to meet the needs of some of these children by teaching them Bible stories, singing songs, doing crafts, and feeding them lunch. During the Pandemic many of these parents lost their jobs as well as many of the church members. But the need was still there. Betania had the desire and the people to help but not the finances to pay for materials. They provided food, both physical and spiritual for the children each



week during the pandemic. At times they had almost a hundred children. KIMA has been providing \$50 a week to supplement this program. Does any of this touch your heart? We send \$200-250 a month to help Betania. At this time only a fourth of that is covered by love gifts.





On April 10, 2021, KIMA sponsored an online training event for the pastors and congregations of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico (SLM). The training was called "Joining Jesus on His Mission" and conducted by Pastor Greg Finke and Pastor Omar Garza.

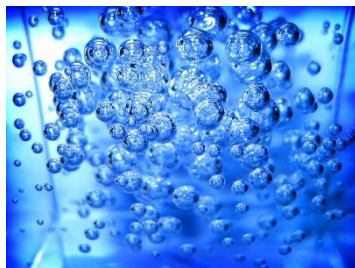
The leaders of a Lutheran group in the U.S. called the Hispanic Missionary League heard about the training and invited Pastors Finke and Garza to conduct the same online training for them at their virtual national conference on July 27. KIMA is blessed to be able to sponsor this training as well!

The chairman of Hispanic Missionary League is Pastor German Novelli who is the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. HML represents about 100 Hispanic ministries throughout the U.S. KIMA is thankful to God for the opportunity to help train Spanish speaking people in both Mexico and the US to join Jesus on His mission!

Higher than the mountains that I face.
 Stronger than the power of the grave.
 Constant through the trial and the change.
 One thing remains, yes, one thing remains.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.
 Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.
 Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.
 Your love.

On and on, and on, and on it goes.
 It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
 And I never, ever, have to be afraid.
 One thing remains.



God's love just keeps bubbling up inside us, filling us until it just bursts out and fills the world around us and all that we touch with His glorious love. 1 Timothy 2:4-5 says it so well: **[God our Savior] will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.**"



Each of us has to ask ourselves, "So, what's that to me?" That's a question each of us has to discuss with the Man, Christ Jesus. He says to His disciples, **"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations."** So, the question might be, "Am I His disciple?" "Can I go?" "If not, what can I do?" How about joining in with KIMA and see if together we can't make a difference.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you safe during this pandemic!