

June 6, 2018

Dear members of St. Paul (Muskego) and fellow believers in the Lord's kingdom,

A big "hola" from all of us in Mahahual, Mexico! The Lord is giving us many opportunities to share the Word of God's grace in a remote area of Mexico. Even though we're the ones on the ground here, we're not working alone. We very much appreciate the blessing of partnering with all of you at St. Paul.

A large percentage of our ministry depends on transportation. From our church location in town we go up to 45 minutes north along the coast working with families that are not being served by any other Christian group. A number of them have no other means of transportation besides walking or riding a bike. In other cases there are children and teens who want to hear the Word, but their parents are not yet ready to commit to church.

Every weekend we use a church van to do a 2-hour circuit picking up people for a Bible study and soup kitchen on Fridays, and then again on Sunday for worship. Anywhere from 20-40 people are hearing God's voice regularly through this transportation ministry.

Our old big blue van has served us very well over the past few years. However, the many trips up and down pot-hole filled roads have taken their toll. The van has been patched up and re-patched, welded and re-welded together many times, and now has become a bit unreliable and even unsafe. Recently we had the hood unlatch at highway speeds and smash through the windshield!

We're happy to say that we've found a new van that, God-willing, will serve our ministry well for years to come! We want to thank you for your very generous donation as a congregation recently toward the new van. Through your offering the Word will continue to go out, new people will continue to hear about their Savior, and others will continue to be strengthened in the faith that by God's grace they already have.

We all pray for your ministry of the same Word of life as well to the people of your community.

On behalf of *Cruz de Cristo* (Cross of Christ Lutheran Church), and our Costa Maya Ministries board,

Grace and peace to you all,

Missionary Martin Valleskey

P.S. Please see a few photos on the next page



**OLD VAN – 1998 FORD ECONOLINE**



**SOME OF OUR BEACH "ROADS"**



**NEW VAN – 2011 FORD ECONOLINE**