

# Salvador Lara

**Missionary to Mexico.**



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Greeting from Mariachi land,

I am finally back in Mexico. These past five months were a wonderful experience. I always heard stories about missionaries on deputation and the things they go through. Every time I heard those stories, I always thought it was tough to be a missionary. Now being one of those missionaries, I fully understand what a missionary goes through. It has been a challenge. Now I am back with my home church for the holidays. My pastor advised me to come home during the winter season since I am on the road alone.

When I got back to Mexico, everybody received me with open arms. I could tell how much my home church missed me. The first thing I wanted to do coming back to Mexico was to eat tacos; I missed those a lot. However, I did not eat tacos until two weeks later! Everyone says that I gained weight, so they are looking out for me, making sure I do not overeat.

Another thing that happened since I left last year is our church added two more missionaries. Their names are Miguel Cruz and Moises Contreras. Moises Contreras has a church forty minutes away from the city of Guadalajara, in a town called Tala. It is a small church, but they recently saved enough money to buy a property to start building their church facility. They started building a week before I returned. When I got here, I went every Monday to help work on the construction of their church. Right now, the project is on hold due to a lack of funds. We are praying that the church in Tala can raise the needed funds to continue building their facility. The church would appreciate your prayers for the construction of the building. They rented a place for a long time and are anxious to get their building finished.

A few weeks ago, we had a pastor from Texas visit us for a week. His name is Ottis Jarrell. He brought with him a brother from Florida named Richard Sonier. He is a very interesting man. His ministry involves working in fairs and presenting the Gospel to the people. We had a four-day conference where he taught us the witnessing strategy he uses. After the conference, on a Sunday morning, some of our church members went to a flea market type of place to practice the strategy that Brother Richard taught us. It works! Using this strategy, we had five people saved that day. Then on a Tuesday, my pastor, Brother Richard, and Pastor Ottis Jarrell went to

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another town about an hour away from the city called Villa Corona. The pastor's name is Jesus Ortiz. They went to another flea market type of place that we call "Tianguis" and put to practice the strategy we learned over there. It was amazing! They were able to lead seven people to the Lord that day. The strategy that Brother Richard taught us works. I am sure that my home church will try this again soon.

This week I am going to teach a class for the night school program in my home church. Sadly, I will not be able to teach the whole course since I am leaving the last week of January. However, I will be able to start the course. Teaching classes in our Bible school is something I enjoy. I am excited, but at the same time, sad to leave Mexico and go back on deputation. I am praying that I can finish deputation, so I can come back to Mexico and start working.

During my time here, I received great news! Four churches took me on for support! What an encouragement this is to me as a missionary. These blessings, of course, come from the Lord. They confirm that I am on the right path, where the Lord wants me. God has put everything in place; all I have to do is keep trusting Him and finish deputation. Please keep me in your prayers.

Your missionary to the Mexican people,

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