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Greetings From Beanland;

I hope you are beginning to enjoy spring. It is hot here.

Prayer needs; 1. \$500 needed before June 1<sup>st</sup>. To send ten very poor kids to summer camp. None have ever had the opportunity to enjoy a Christian camp.

2. \$2000 to pay back money I borrowed to finish urgent work on our missionary compound in Valladolid, Yucatan.

3. \$300 to make benches so people can set down to hear the preaching services in one of our churches.

Praise- We thank the Lord for allowing us to have our son, Jerry jr. visit us for a week before going back to college.

I hope You enjoy the following real story.

### Another Convoy

In March, I took two pastors and their wives to a camp for couples in Matamoros, MX, which is 14 hours from here. Besides all the wonderful teaching they received, the trip proved to be an exhilarating and restful experience for them. On the long trip back we decided that the teenagers in our churches were in such a rut that they were completely listless and were not serving the Lord with a willing heart. We decided to take those who were faithful to the Lord on a three day and two night camping trip to the ocean which is four hours from Guadalajara. The only cost being for gasoline and road tolls. We decided to plan well (my first mistake) and take all of our food with us.

Next, we decided to take three Mexican vans and go in a caravan (my second mistake) One van had a "slightly bent axle" so I decided to borrow a truck from brother Jerry Pieper if the van couldn't be repaired in time. The day before the trip brother Pieper called to say that he had lost a license plate and the truck could not leave the city. I was told that there would be no problem as the other van would be repaired in time. Almost all of the kids in the other churches are working but most of those in my church are in the childrens home and had no money. If they were to go, I had to pay for them, which I was glad to do as I thought I would have to pay only about \$150. We would be taking 35 teens.

We were to leave by 6:00 A.M. and by 7:30 A.M. we left the city. (Not bad for a Mexican group) We were all to have filled our vans with gasoline the night before. Fifty miles out of town the middle van pulled into a gas station and the rest of us stopped. also. He had to get gas as he forgot to fill up. Plus, the pastor told me he had to check the axle as it was "rumbling". "I thought you fixed it." I said. He answered, "No, I couldn't find

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy  
he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.*

Titus 3:5

the money I had to buy more food. I thought that I had enough left for the return trip.

It was now Easter week, which is the biggest holiday in Latin America. Everyone in Mexico goes out of town and I think they were all on the same road as us. You probably will not believe the next part unless you have had the privilege to have driven on the Mexican roads during Easter week.

The two pastors vehicles heated up going up the first mountain but after stopping for an hour and putting water in the radiators, we continued. Next, we stopped at a gasoline station to eat our soup and sandwiches and visit the bathroom. We had a slight problem because they were charging \$1.00 to use their restrooms and another \$.10 cents for 3 sheets of sanitary paper (TP). None of our people had any money left but I told them "Not to worry." I knew of a wooded area about 20 miles further on down the road. There were so many people traveling on that road and we just crept along. We finally made it to the wooded area but there was someone standing every 10 feet apart in front of the woods with a roll of TP selling it for \$.10 cents for 3 sheets and charging to use the woods. WOW!!!!!! We drove on. Finally, one of the vans had a blowout and when we opened the doors to look at it, I saw 40 people running in all directions and disappearing over the hills. We made the 4 hour trip back to Guadalajara, in slightly more than 10 hours. After everyone was deposited in their homes, I was able to get my heart right too.

Hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter service.

In the circumference of His great and wonderful love, We are the Shaw family in Mexico.

*Thank you,  
Jewel B. Shaw*