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Greetings from Beanland:

Many exciting things have already happened this New Year. I want to begin by praising the Lord for my hospital bills having been paid. And, I want to thank all of you who sent money to help us. I went to the hospital this week for several heart tests and the heart specialist gave me the good news that my heart was doing very well and that he didn't think that I should have another surgery at this time but should continue on with the same medicines for a while longer. That news made me very happy.

The conference in Cancun and Valladolid went very well. Several pastors had the privilege of preaching in some of the Mayan Indian churches with Saul Amezcuita and myself translating. There are still a few Mayans Christians who can't speak Spanish but everybody looked pleased with what was preached. The American pastors also looked pleased so, I guess we did all right.

We were asked by brother Crescencio Galaviz, our missionary there, To ordain the new pastor for the Mayan Indian church in the town of Espita. The ordination council was made up of the American pastors, the Mayan Indian pastors, some Mexican pastors and interpreters. I had the privilege of asking the doctrinal questions and I thought with all that mixture of cultures and people, we would have some kind of mess, but all went quite well. We presented the new pastor with gifts and \$2000.00 to help them build their new church. Those dear people had already purchased their land and had worked on the foundation and they were elated with this gift which was provided by a dear Christian family from Indianapolis, IN.

The banquet was prepared by some of the pastors wives, and others who made the trip from the States. We are very thankful to all who helped make the banquet successful. Pastor Randy Parker preached the final message at the banquet and did his usual great job. It was his church, Bethel Baptist, who supplied the money for brother Crescencios' house last year to make it safe.

I want to write more about this special meeting in my next prayer letter and devote more time to details.

I want to include a note about the childrens' home and the church there. We have had several people baptized there already this

*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

Year. Which has been a great blessing, but I really want to tell you about the wonderful work Delia has done with the children. Two years ago they were completely and totally unruly. This year for the Christmas program, they sang a complete cantata. It was marvelous!!! The Shaws in Mexico

All our guests at the Cancun conference.
6 souls were saved on Sunday.

The Christmas cantata

