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Greetings from Beanland,

It won't be long before you will be chewing on a big turkey leg and then heading into the deep freeze for a few months... But for now, I trust you enjoyed a beautiful fall season.

We are very thankful for all you do for us and for all the precious prayers on our behalf.

Just when we thought things were getting less dangerous, we learned that well over 100 people were murdered south and west of the city. It is surprising, because thousands of police and army troops are placed throughout the city, as this city is hosting the Pan Am games. We returned home last night at midnight, and about 30 minutes later, a gun battle broke out between the cops and the narcos only one half-block from our house. Several hand grenades were thrown, and boy, did they rattle the windows! This is definitely not the same world I grew up in, where we only played cops and robbers.

In late September and early October, Delia and I went to Ensenada, Baja California, to direct a family conference. I preached for four days, and she taught the children. The conference went well, but we received a big surprise. I shall try and describe to you what we learned. Ensenada is a large city two hours south of the U.S. border, directly south of Tijuana. Three hundred thousand small houses have been built to receive the Mexicans who are being deported from the States. These are people who went to the States illegally, most having lived in the California area for 15-30 years. Most of them married other illegal people and, because they hid from the U.S. government, they were afraid to register their newborn children with the Mexican consulate in Las Angeles. Therefore, the children are American citizens, but not Mexican citizens. The deportees were given 15 days to get everything in order. A great many had purchased homes in the States and lost them. Several had as much as \$100,000 invested in their homes. When they were deported and tried to enter Mexico, the teenage children were not allowed to cross into Mexico because they are not Mexican citizens. They can only get tourist visas and stay six months. Mexican immigration laws are more strict than American immigration laws. Also, the public schools in Mexico are more advanced than the U.S. public schools, and the children were put back three years. The only recourse for the families was to send their children back to the States to stay with relatives. There are a lot of very sad mothers and fathers who fear they may never see their children or grandchildren again. Other families made an even greater mistake: they brought their children on visas, but did not get American passports for them. The children overstayed the time, and now cannot get back to the U.S.A because they do not have the required passports. Now, they cannot get into the Mexican schools without identification, nor can they enter into the work force without proper Mexican identifications. There are a whole lot of young people doing nothing. After the conference, many Christian mothers and fathers went to the altar and told me, "Brother, if we had only known these things would happen, we would never have gone to the States. Now, we have lost both our homes and our children."

In the circumference of His wonderful love,  
Jerry and Delia Shaw

"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