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Greetings from Beanland,

Our annual missionary field conference will be held here in Guadalajara, the 3rd week in January. Jan. 21-25th 2013. Anyone who wants to come is invited. We have pastors from Florida, Indiana, and North Carolina coming to the conference. They will be the speakers. There is always room for more. We suspended the conference last year because of the violence in this area. Since the presidential election, things have calmed down considerably, and it is now safe. Tourism has seen a big increase in the past months.

I wanted to write this letter for a long time, as I have desired to share some good news with you. I now can do so. For 5 years, we have been trying to buy some property for the church in Los Pocitos, a small town about 50 miles west of Guadalajara. If you remember, we were asked to vacate the building we had been using for several years. We moved into a house that is not in a good location and is very small. We can only fit about 20 adults. Some of the people have become discouraged. When we are all in attendance, it is overflowing and uncomfortable. For this reason, some people now only attend sporadically. We have tried on several occasions to buy land, but have always come to a dead end. The land offered to us was either in a bad location or as on two occasions, the owners found out we were going to build a Baptist church, and withdrew their offer to sell. On another occasion, we were about to buy a large lot, but found the deed had problems. We were in jeopardy of losing both our money and the property. We are now going to purchase a small lot right on the highway. This, of course, is very expensive, and our lot will be much smaller than we wanted. We give praises to the Lord for His provision. We have to have the cash up front to pay for it. We do have that amount, but we will use everything we have in the bank. When I am positive that we have the property secured, I will be asking our supporting churches for funds to build the church. This is a cash country, and there is no such thing as borrowing money from a bank to build a church. The money will be sent to our mission agency and put aside until we have enough money to build. I shall ask you to begin praying for this needed church building. This will be the 21st church I have built or helped build in this country, and I am sure it will be my last. Other new stuff- We continue to help Jerry Jr. in his new church. During these past few weeks, we have led several people to the Lord, and they have already been in church. One was an 87 year old man who has been in church several times over the last few months. Another is a lady who has had a horrible life. Jerry Jr. led a young man to the Lord who was recently shot, and left for dead in a gang violence act. He is now in a wheel chair, and slowly recuperating from his wounds. Last week, we had 80 people in a regular church service, and ten of them were new visitors. We are also working with a more than nutty lady. If I told you her name and to pray for her, you would probably forget. If I ask you to pray for the nutty lady Brother Jerry is working with everyone will remember. Please pray for the nutty lady for salvation. To be fair, I really believe her children have brought her to this state of mind.

In the circumference of His great love, we are, The Shaw family in Mexico

“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