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Greetings from Beanland:

The election is over. You may be pleased or you may be displeased with the results. We, as Christians, must always remember that we are not of this world. Daniel 2:21,22 says, "And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings and setteth up kings; he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness and the light dweleth with him." We really need to keep our eyes fastened on Christ and seek His wisdom and knowledge. Again I repeat we are not of this world. We need not get tangled up in it.

According to the calendar, Thanksgiving Day is upon us, but the country of Mexico does not celebrate Thanksgiving. I do not know the reason they do not celebrate the day. They certainly celebrate everything else, including days you have never heard about. It is doubtful we will be celebrating it as a family since we have classes and many other pending obligations. We really do not need to eat anything special that would help to put on more pounds than what we already have. Like every other day in our lives, we will rejoice in the Lord.

At this writing, we have not finalized the purchase of the very small piece of land for our church, but hopefully it will be happening soon. The property is very small and very expensive. It will take all the money we have saved for the past ten years. This property is located right on the highway.

Missionary Jack and Iva Dean Henderson, Delia, and I took a trip through southern Texas to hand out tracts and hunt for Spanish-speaking Independent Baptist churches. Along the way, we saw several ghost towns. Texas has many. On two or three occasions, we found that although the town had completely died out, the Baptist church still had their doors open and had regular services. One such church had 21 members and another much larger church had almost 30 members. The pastors drive more than 100 miles to minister to those people. We accidently learned a lot about our country. We took the only U.S.A. international ferry across the Rio Grande River to Mexico. Six men steer the ferry from side to side. They pull on ropes just as it has been done since the 1850's. We learned that the United States had several airfields in south Texas during WW2. One was called the Rattle Snake Air Base located in Pyote, TX. It was secretly built before the war to make parts for the B-29 bombers. The Inola Grey was stationed there before bombing Japan. Many pilots of the other air bases were women who ferried airplanes to all parts of the country. They were never given recognition or honors for their dangerous participation in the war effort. I did not even know they existed. The only trace of the Rattle Snake Air Base, manned by more than 10,000 airmen, is the front gate and a small plaque dedicated to those who served and gave their lives for this country. It was sad. You can find the history on Google.

Many of the old ghost towns are becoming boomtowns once again. New gas fields and oil fields are being found, and they are beginning to bring new life to the 1850's' towns. Almost all skilled workers are making

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"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

\$1000.00 to \$1500.00 every day. Even the unskilled workers are making more than \$500.00 every day, and they all work seven days every week. One man related that he had not had a day off for more than 60 days. We saw no interest in the Lord in those areas. It is almost similar to the old western frontier towns.

In the circumference of His wonderful love, we are the Jerrel K. Shaw Sr. family in Mexico.

Please do not forget our missionary field conference from January 21st to 24th 2013. For additional information, contact pastor Fred Daniel at (336) 327-6047.



We were asked to teach in this ghost town Sunday school, but the people were expressionless.



As you can see, everyone was gathered around me as I preached in the ghost town of Trelenguas.