

## THE SHAW FAMILY iVIVA MEXICO!

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Conference Pictures of Yucatan 2008

## Hello from Indiana!

Itzen and I are now traveling together, we are very happy about that. It had been a very long four months without her. We have had several people ask us about her college situation, and the answer is still the same, the process is being delayed yet again. She continues to work with her professors via e-mail to try and get it done, so continue to pray for her.

In the month of January we had our annual conference in Mexico. This year we had it in the state of Yucatan. We were happy to be there and see the graduates of the Bible school and have the opportunity to fellowship with them. This year we had eleven preachers and their wives, as well as some of their church members; it was a blessing to get to hear them preach as well as a privilege to translate for them.

Brother Crescencio Galaviz and his family took us to see several churches in the area that we had not been to in a while. To see their progress and their growth was a blessing to all who attended the conference. We encourage anyone who hasn't been to either the conference in Guadalajara or Yucatan to do so; it would be a great experience and a blessing to you.

Since we have been in Indiana, we have had a good time visiting my sisters and their families, as well as our home church. We rarely get to be here, so when we are, we try to enjoy it as much as possible, although we are not used to these single digit temperatures. Several churches in this state have opened their doors to us to present the Mexican ministry to them, and we are very thankful for them. We will be in Indiana through the month of February. Pray that the Lord will keep these doors open.

Continue to pray for us as we travel, Thank you for everything.

From the land of Hoosiers, Jerry & Itzen Shaw

## From Itzen's view:

I am happy to be with my husband now. It was very hard to be separated from him for such a long time, but now I thank the Lord that we can be together. So far, I have been blessed by God. This is my first real winter experience, and I have been loved and taken care of by many lovely women that I have met so far. REAL winter coats and sweaters were given to me (in Guadalajara coats are only for the cold 65° weather and they are very thin, they are just to make us look like we are in winter) and I will be forever grateful because they have kept me warm so far.

Being on deputation has been a new experience for me, as I had never traveled much. I am a person who is not accustomed to meeting new people on a regular bases, and every week we have met different pastors, pastor's wives, and church members. Although this cold weather makes me day-dream of warm afternoons in Guadalajara, I have not felt homesick because all the churches we have been to have treated us with love and care, you have made us feel at home, thank you for everything.

From a very cold place, Itzen Shaw



A Sunday night service in Cancun.



The night of the banquet.



Strong Tower Baptist Church choir.



Pastor's wives singing special.