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Greetings from everywhere,

Itzen and I had the opportunity to travel to several states presenting the ministry in various churches. It has been very tiring, but we have been truly blessed getting to know wonderful churches & people who have opened their doors to us, and who have been a blessing to us.

Missionaries on several occasion encounter problems on the road (mechanical, flat tires, etc). This is a common thing for missionaries either on the field or on deputation, but this month we encountered the fury of mother bear. It is something that Itzen and I have never experienced before, and I believe I should tell you. In the beginning of the month, we had the privilege to be in a missions conference in N.C. The pastor had us stay in his home during the conference. The day we arrived, the pastor told us that on his property they have seen several bears, and said that they were a common sight. Itzen and I were excited as we have never seen bears out of a zoo! I really wanted to see one and was always on the look-out in hopes of seeing one. I was disappointed when I hadn't seen a bear during the first two days. On the third day, we went out to our U-Haul trailer to prepare our clothes and get ready for the conference like we had done for the past 2 previous nights. Upon opening the trailer we encountered a big mess! Everything in the trailer was on the floor and looked as if a hurricane had passed through. What happened was that a bear tried his best to get into my stash of peanut-butter & cheese crackers...she did not succeed, but she about wrecked the trailer. Itzen and I worked hard to get the trailer back into shape and were actually happy that we didn't get to see a wild bear, that experience was close enough! Mexicans are peanut-butter craving creatures, and I don't believe that we could have endured the pain of watching bears eat our crackers.



On a more serious note, Itzen and I went to the border to try to get a new six-month permit for her to be in the U.S. A. Even though she had papers which allowed her to come back in this country, she was rejected because the border officials said that her papers were not properly done, and she had to have a different kind of document. This was difficult for us to understand, because they were the ones who issued those papers, and we had been using them for over three years. She was not permitted to re-enter the States with those papers. It was a very sad time for both of us when I had to put her on a bus and send her back to Guadalajara. I need my wife with me, and would ask you to pray that she would soon get her paperwork taken care of so she can come back and we can finish deputation together. There are several people working on a solution to this problem, and I would ask you to pray for them during this time, so this problem may quickly be concluded. The road is long, tiring and sad when she is not with me; therefore, I ask that you make this a priority prayer for us.



Thank you for all your love and support in this situation.

In His Service,

Jerry Shaw, Jr.