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Greetings from México,

First of all, I need to give everyone an update on my father's health. He went through a procedure called lithotripsy, which is basically a pounding to the kidneys by water pressure. The doctors decided not to open him up because they were afraid that his heart would not take anesthetic well. He was in extreme pain for at least two weeks, but is now doing much better. We have been told that the procedure has worked and that all of the stones are now in a powder form that he will be passing for the next several weeks. Thank you all for your prayers over this issue; you have been a blessing to our family during this time.

I began the semester teaching eight subjects, some in our day school, and some in one of the night schools. It has been a blessing to go out to the village of Villa Corona twice each week to teach them. Three of the students are Americans, missionary kids, and the other half are Mexican students. The boys have been preaching in my father's church and after hearing them preach on several occasions, we believe that they will do great things in their future ministries.



The building repair on the Bible school has begun. A year ago, Itzen & I decided that the girl's dorm was looking pretty shabby and something needed to be done about its poor condition. We began to save money while on deputation for this specific purpose. Several individuals gave money to help finance the project, for which we are very thankful. We have repaired part of the plumbing; some of the electricity and new walls have been built. There is still the need for a new roof and a new floor. We hope to begin working on these shortly. We don't expect to be finished for quite a while, as there is still much to do. We do hope to have it ready by the beginning of the fall semester.

Every year we have an annual field conference when our supporters can come down and visit our work. We either hold it in Valladolid, Yucatan (where the other Bible school is) or here in Guadalajara. There are always several pastors who come from the United States to see the work and get to know the people. This year was a bit different; a couple of our graduates have been asking us to hold the conference with them. These two graduates are Huichol Indians, from the state of Nayarit. My pastor, my father, and Pastor Fred Daniel went to visit them last summer and made arrangements for the conference to be held there. Several Americans came (more than expected) including 7 pastors. Several wonderful things happened during the conference, Pastor Marcelino and another Huichol pastor had urgent church needs. One Huichol pastor has a building but was without a roof for three years. The other pastor has a stick building that was about to fall down. Money was raised to help them complete the buildings. Pastor Marcelino was given a generator because his church has no electricity. I will be going to the remote village within the coming months to see what progress has been done. The trip will take several hours to complete. It is about 8 hours of driving and another 4 hours of climbing up the mountain, as there are no roads there. What an experience that will be!

The best thing that happened in the conference was that souls were saved. The day after the conference, the Huichol people felt they needed to do more for Christ, therefore they had an extra service on Friday night and invited several teenagers. 12 of them accepted Christ as their personal Savior. A door man at the hotel was also saved. The man spoke good English, and many of the American pastors started working with him throughout the week. Thursday night, my father led him to the Lord.

It was truly a great conference and was a blessing for all who attended. We pray that more will come from the U.S. in future years and be blessed together with us.

Here are some pictures of the building project, of the Huichol conference, as well as pictures of some of our Mexican-American students translating for the first time.



Pastor Marcelino & I.



Bro. Jaron & Pastor Mark Aheorn.



Bro. Rolando & Pastor Art McGahan.



Pastor De la Cruz with wife & children.



Huichols singing a special.



American, Mexican & Huichol pastors.

Serving our Lord in Mexico,

Jerry & Itzen Shaw