

## THE SHAW FAMILY IVIVA MEXICO!

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Greetings from México,

These last couple of months have been a time of great joy for our family. After two years of trying, God has blessed Itzen & I with our first child! She is almost four months along, and is now doing great. The beginning of the pregnancy was hard and the baby was almost lost. However, God provided an amazing doctor and He saved the pregnancy. We ask you to please keep Itzen and the baby in your prayers throughout the next months, the baby is due sometime in November.

The girls' dorm is almost done! We are in the last stages of the process. The only thing left to do is to lay down new tile and paint. After that is done, we need to purchase some new mattresses for the bunk beds. The mattresses that we have are over 15 years old, some maybe older, and they need to be replaced. We know that we will have at least five new students for this fall semester, and we are working hard to make the facilities comfortable for them. It is exciting to see the building looking good after so many years and pray that these two buildings will keep housing Bible students for many years to come.





This month, we had our graduation ceremonies in both the Guadalajara chapter as well as the Yucatan chapter of the school. In Guadalajara, we graduated two students - Francisco Jimenez Ortega, and Rebecca Ortega. Bro. Francisco graduated from the day school, and sister Rebecca from the night school. Sister Rebecca is Bro. Francisco's aunt. We have also graduated his brother, Ignacio, and next year his uncle will be finishing. It is a blessing to see several members of the same family studying and serving the Lord.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month, my father and I traveled to Yucatan and had the graduation of the Yucatan school. There were 15 graduates! We spent time with them and their families as well as their churches. We were in Valladolid a total of six days and were blessed to see the fire they have in their hearts for serving the Lord. While there, we had the pleasure of being with Bro. Crescencio Galaviz, who is the director of the Yucatan school. Bro. Galaviz and his family have done a great work in Yucatan in the 12 years he has served there. Please keep them in your prayers.



It is exciting to see the new addition of the masters program coming together for next semester. Dad and I, together with Pastor Agustin Pelayo and Pastor Cesar Gonzalez have been working daily to see this happen. Over the years, there have been several graduates requesting a master's program, and it is a joy for us to finally be able to provide it for them. Our school is the only Independent Baptist institution that we know of that offers these kinds of studies in Mexico. We pray that several people will take advantage of these studies and grow even more in the Lord.

In His Service,

Jerry & Itzen Shaw