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Greetings from Hot Mexico,

It seems as if the furnace was left on at 90 degrees. It has really gotten hot in the last week. It is hard to find shade or a breeze. Just think, only a short while ago everybody was complaining about the cold, and now everyone has something new to complain about.

We have had a lot of activities this last month with visitation three times a week. We have surely meet with some strange people, people with thoughts and ideas in their mind that I didn't know existed. I don't even think Satan himself can come up with some of the weird thoughts that some of these people have. I know that most Mexicans don't read much, so they don't get these ideas from books. I don't even think it comes from television because I have never seen anything that dumb on television. We have a saying here in Mexico, "cada cabeza es un mundo," which means every head is its own world. I believe this is true. Nevertheless, there are still some people who are seeking and searching for the truth and it is our desire to bring it to them. All in all, visitation is interesting.

On Monday, which one of the many Mexican holidays during the month of May, we took the whole church to a lake, camped out, and baptized one of the ladies. She has been coming to church for the last two months. She was saved in another state, but never baptized. She was never told about the necessity of baptism and had no knowledge of it until she began coming to our church, heard me preach on it, and immediately asked to be baptized.

A street vendor was selling shrimp and fish in front of the church. Since the church doors were open, he heard me preach while he was selling his product. He closed the business down and came into church as I was well into the sermon. After the service he wanted to talk to me. I found out very quickly that he was drunk and told him to come back and talk to me when he was sober so that he could understand what I was saying. To my surprise, he did come back and told me that he was a Christian. He told me he was saved several years ago while living in New Jersey then went to Arizona for a new job. He was arrested by the immigration authorities, dumped in jail for a time, and then escorted to Mexico (even though he is from Peru.) His children were born in the USA. His daughter is studying law, and his son is studying his last year of medicine. He owned a house in New Jersey but because he was thrown out of the States, he lost his home and has been reduced to selling on the street corner just to keep alive. He has become very lonely and discouraged over his situation, and has begun to drink heavily. He didn't think there were any churches in the area and could find no spiritual help for his soul. The Lord placed him just outside the front door of our church so that while selling, even in a half drunken state, he heard the sound of the church and the preaching of the Word and came seeking spiritual help. For the last two weeks he has been coming to church and has not been drunk. I would appreciate your including Martin in your prayers.

On Friday, June 8th, we will be ordaining Pastor Jesus Ortiz. On June 22nd, Pastor Ortiz, along with two of his sons and three other men, will be graduating from the Bible college. I will write about this in my next prayer letter.

In His service,

Jerry & Itzen Shaw