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Greetings from Guadalajara,

I pray that all of you are well, the kids are back in school, and the adults are happily returning to normality.

Ever since I was a little kid I have heard missionaries say, "If a church gives you something mechanical, be very careful in accepting it (because it is pretty much worn out), but if another missionary gives you something, never take it (because it is definitely worn out)." I have become a believer of this. I have two vehicles, both passed down to me by missionaries. One is a 1999 Dodge truck, which has almost 200,000 miles on it and is now sitting in a field, because it needs extensive motor work. I also have a 1972 twelve passenger Dodge van, which is quite often extended to a twenty passenger van. Only heaven knows how many miles are on that thing, it has been worn out more than twice. It doesn't even have power steering, but I decided to paint it and make it look nice, and it does look good with the new white paint on it. When my dad saw it he said, "Son, you could have painted that thing in pure gold, and you would still be driving trash". I think he is right; we seem to push that thing more than we drive it. Please make this a matter of urgent prayer, that we can either fix these up or receive enough money to buy something drivable.

The Bible School is going well, this year we have a total of eleven students in Guadalajara. Nine are full time students, and two are in night school. Two of the full time students are members of our new church, they are a young married couple with two little boys, one six years old and the other, a one year old. This young family is hard working and wants to serve the Lord. Bro. Albano desires to be a pastor in full time service; however, since they are in Bible School, Bro. Albano cannot study and work at the same time. The school has provided them with room and board, but we are not able to cover their children's expenses. Our church gives them a \$50 monthly love offering, but we are a beginning church, we just do not have enough funds to give them more. There is a need for baby food, formula, diapers, and expenses for Jairo (6 years old) who is beginning first grade. They need help, please pray about this. They need about \$75 to \$100 a month. Bro. Albano does do odd jobs whenever he has free time, but cannot make enough money in this country to study and maintain his family. If you feel that you would like to have a part in this family's ministry, please send your offering to my mission agency and include on your check "to help student". This could be the man God is raising up to take my place, so that I will be free to begin another church. I thank you very much for considering this request.



In His service,

Jerry & Itzen Shaw

