



Joy to the world the Lord is come!
Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: ... and rejoice, and sing praise. Psalm 98:4

Merry Christmas to all,

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We pray this time will be one of great blessings for everyone as we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. One thing that I have always enjoyed (especially as a kid) has been to lay in the snow. Unfortunately, here in Mexico, there is none, and it almost feels as if Christmas never comes. The traditional "White Christmas" makes for a very special time as a child. Hopefully, you and your children are taking out the sleds and enjoying your time during this very special celebration.

This entire year has been a heartache for our family with the usual ups and downs in the ministry, but as the year has gone by, we have noticed our Lord take control (as He always has) and bless His ministry. Often, as missionaries, we get disappointed over the results; however, that does not mean that God has stopped working in the lives of people. In these past three weeks, God has opened the opportunity of starting a new church, and the results that God has brought forward have been tremendous. On the first Sunday, we had 35 adults and 5 children. This number has continued through all three services we have held. We are meeting in a car garage, which has been slightly modified to accommodate the people. My father and I have been thrilled to see how our Lord has developed this ministry in such a short time. Please pray for the growth of this new mission in Guadalajara.

Another very interesting work that God has started in the past few weeks is in a small Huichol Indian reservation outside Guadalajara. The name of the reservation is "Libertad," which means liberty. In this community, there are people who live in extreme poverty and need true liberty in their hearts. So far, thirteen people have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and are now receiving discipleship. We are going twice a week to work with the people of this town. Please pray for the salvation and growth of the people in Libertad.

Also, we have been having a great time with the teenagers of the main church. The group has grown, and we have an average of 19 teenagers on a regular basis. They are growing in the Lord, and are becoming solid in His Word. We have been doing several activities with them in the past few weeks. One of the activities we had was to take them bowling. None of them had played before (It was very funny to watch). Please continue to pray for them, and for this church as well. The name of the church is God of Hope Baptist Church.



Our family keeps all of you in daily prayer, and we pray that this Christmas will be one for you to remember together with your families and churches.

Merry Christmas to all,
Jerry & Itzen Shaw