

THE SHAW FAMILY iVIVA MEXICO!

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Greetings from the road,

It has been a while since our last prayer letter, so we are very happy to inform you of several great things that the Lord has done during this time. Our family has made it to the United States with no problems! Crossing the border was nerve racking, especially since we have had issues in the past with Itzen's visa. However, everything turned out fine, after an hour interrogation with the U.S. border guards. We are very thankful for having the opportunity to be State side.

We have traveled through several states giving our supporting churches a full report on the ministry in Mexico. The churches we have visited have been very loving towards us in a great way. We thank each and every one that has been our hosts thus far. We started our journey in Texas, then Florida, and have made our way up north through the Carolinas. We still have yet to be in several churches over the next couple of months. Although we have had a considerable amount of car trouble through our travels, God has been merciful and has provided for our every need. Our Lord is truly wonderful! We still have much traveling to do, as we will be making our way up to Connecticut, then Indiana, and back to the field the last week of July. Please continue to pray for us during this furlough time.

My father calls me often to give me the report on the church and the mission; this has been encouraging to us as we are able to know the status on our brethren in Mexico. As of last week, there were 61 adults and young people and 14 children in the church. As for the mission, there were 14 people that attended the last service. We are excited to see how the Lord works in His ministry. Please pray for the growth of the church and mission. Also, pray for my parents as they work diligently in taking our place while on furlough.

As for the Bible school, since class is out for the summer, there are no activities there; however we are expecting 5 new students for the fall semester as well as the return of 3 students. These 3 will be starting their second year of studies.

We have an important need that requires prayer; we are in urgent need of a 15-passenger van. We currently have a 1972 Dodge van that seems to have been worn out twice. This vehicle has been a blessing to us for 4 years now, but it is time to put the old girl down and replace her. The van we need must be a 2002 or 2003 model, in order for us to register it in Mexico. The church is growing and we need transportation for the people.

In His Service, Jerry and Itzen Shaw