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Greetings from Guadalajara,



I would like to report to you that we enjoyed a wonderful missionary field conference this year. We have always had a good conference, and sometimes we have as many as 38 or 39 people coming from the U.S. This year, we had 17 Christians and pastors. They came from North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Texas, and Idaho. Those attending the conference this year were: Rolando Ortiz, Bobby & Elizabeth Meindl, Pastor James Stultz, Tammy

McGuire (It is always great to see her happy face. She is always a blessing to us), Hannah Daniel, Pastor Scott Daniel, Pastor Fred Daniel and his wife Beth, Ronnie Pugh, Darrel Beal, Missionary Fred Daniel III, Pastor Kevin Johnson, Pastor Ray Baggi, Pastor Ottis Jarrel, Pastor Arthur McGahan and his wife Flora. I suppose it was an especially good conference because several pastors had their assistant pastors with them. These are the men who are going to one day be pastoring the churches they are now working in. It was a blessing for me to see these older pastors taking the younger ones under their wing and preparing them for the future. My dad taught me since I was a kid how to be a missionary. I had “on the field” training all my life. Most of the older pastors had what we call “on the job training.” They did not have someone to show them how to be pastors and avoid mistakes in the ministry. It did my heart a lot of good to see the young people and the respect they have for their pastors and the leadership training they have enjoyed. This speaks volumes for those pastors who are concerned enough to put years of training into those who will one day have the pastorate upon their shoulders.



It was a blessing to have Pastor James Stultz from Florida here for the first time. Everyone enjoyed his sermons, his humor, and his warm fellowship. He just fit in as if he had been here many times before. It is our hope and desire that he comes back and visits us again. I think this was his first time being on a foreign mission field. I trust that he was able to learn something from us as well as teaching us.



The alumni banquet was held in a steakhouse. Although my dad made the arrangements with the restaurant and told them we would have about 100 people, they did not take him seriously. We had 98 people. Although the food was good, the kitchen staff was overwhelmed. There were not enough plates, cutlery, or waiters (four waiters in all), and there were many mistakes made. A couple of our people never got served, and others were

served two or three times. The event was joyful as many alumni and their families met with others they had not seen for years. One pastor told us the only time he ever gets to take his wife out is when there is an alumni banquet. Several of these people are very poor, and they could never afford to go to a restaurant like this one. As always, the alumni were excited about the nice door prizes that were given away. The main gift was fifty dollars, which was won by Pastor Jesús Ortiz. I suppose he is one of the most needful, and everyone was happy to see him win it. Everyone enjoyed the sermon brought by Pastor Ottis Jarrel of Pine Forest Baptist Church in Hallsville, TX. I think my dad and mom enjoyed the banquet more than usual, because we did all the work outside of a few details. All they had to do was sit back and enjoy the week.

A couple of events happened during the week, which were of interest to all of us. Rolando Ortiz “popped the question” or proposed marriage to Hannah Daniel. He took her to the roof garden overlooking the cities’ millions of lights. It was a full starry sky. How could she say anything but yes to him under such romantic conditions? Another event, which was of special importance to me, was that we were able to rent a house for Fred Daniel III who will, with his wife and family arrive here in March of this year to work with us as missionaries. They will have to go to language school and take a year to prepare themselves, but this was a good start for them.

In His Service, Jerry & Itzen Shaw