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Greetings from Guadalajara,

We pray this letter finds all of you well, growing in the Word, and getting ready for a wonderful summer time with family and friends.

This month has been particularly busy and full of wonderful happenings. On the 23rd of May, the graduation of our Bible College Class of 2014 took place; two students ended their studies and moved their tassels. The graduates are Jonathan Galicia Gonzalez and Alma Susana Ortega Reyes. Jonathan is a third generation preacher, which is a very rare thing in Mexico. His Grandfather was the founder of his home church; he was succeeded by Jonathan's uncle, Pastor Vicente Gonzalez. Pastor Gonzalez was the special speaker at our graduation ceremony; he drove 12 hours to preach at his nephew's graduation. This was a very special time for their family.

Sister Alma Susana is a member at my father's church in a tiny town called Los Pocitos. Because of such a hard life, it took this lady almost 8 years to finish her Bible College studies. Her father who had been crippled for many years passed away in 2012, having received Christ as his Savior only 2 weeks before his death. Now, Sister Susie (as we call her) has to take care of her elderly mother who is also completely dependent on her. Because of her unselfish caring for her parents and complete dedication to them, she has not married and is now 38 years old. Her testimony in the community is well known and she has demonstrated through her life what God has done in her. It has been a wonderful blessing for all of us to see her complete the studies and continue working for Him.

On June the 8th two ladies were baptized in our church; their names are Lorena Bedoy and Rosario Hernandez. Sister Lorena accepted Christ as her Savior 3 years ago, but had churchyard baptism explained in the church she used to attend. She is now very happily learning about His Word in our church.

Sister Rosario accepted Christ in February of this year. Her husband, whose name is Marshall, was saved as a teenager and was baptized in a church here in the area several years ago. Last night, Lorena, Rosario and her husband were accepted as the newest members of Grace Baptist Church.

We ask you to pray for the growth of our church Umerically and spirituall. It has been wonderful to see God's hand working in this small church.

Also, pray for our Bible school students who are now on vacation with their families for the summer. May they be a blessing in their home churches and may they minister wisely to their church family throughout this summer vacation.

In His service,
Jerry & Itzen Shaw

