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The desire of our family is that each of you enjoys a very blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year.

We thank you for all of your financial and prayer support for us this past year.

Mexico is almost in depression state, so many people have lost their jobs that they are having problems putting food on the table and paying normal bills (gas, electricity, etc.). This has caused a great strain on their families and relations. This has also affected the church attendance. They have taken to the streets everyday looking for menial jobs and tasks to do. Their giving is down to less than half of what they did last year. Would you please be in prayer for our Christian people who are suffering financial problems? It would be a comfort for them to know that people are praying for them. This Sunday evening we will be having our Christmas program. It is our prayers that seeing the children perform and sing will renew their commitments. After the program we will enjoy a meal of tamales, fruits and desserts. We will also be having our "Jesus birthday celebration" where we will each give a financial gift to the Lord. This money will then be given to a missionary or pastor of our choice. As of yet, I have no idea where the church will vote to send the money.

During the first part of the month I had the opportunity to go to the state of Puebla and preach to approximately 200 pastors. This was a new and unique experience for me to preach to so many pastors... a real blessing.

My wife's family and mine will be getting together on Christmas Eve in our home to enjoy a dinner of two nations, both Mexican and American food. We hope you and your family will enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship around a Christ centered theme.

Have a Merry Christmas from the Shaw's in Mexico: Jerry, Itzen, Jezen, Jada