

February 2015

Greetings from Guadalajara,

It is our hope and desire that all of you are doing well through the rough winter months.

Our New Year began with a flurry of activities. There isn't much difference between what the churches in the States do and what we do here: Everyone enjoys the Christmas program, the New Year's program is next, then we have our missionary field conference which is a joy to host, but takes quite a bit of preparation.

During February we always seem to have a falling off in church attendance and family problems within the church. It seems to me as if this is a problem we must suffer through every year. It takes much of my time doing family visitation and counseling. Even though we do not have snow, there is always a time of chill and strong winds which brings about much illness amongst our people.

Our annual missionary field conference brings us much joy and it is also a time of physical rest and spiritual blessings. It is a time when we forget about church problems and drink in the Word of God provided by the pastors who unselfishly come and minister to us.

This year our theme was "The old paths" from the text in Jeremiah 6:16. The pastors who came from the U.S. this year were:

- Randall Parker (Bethel Baptist Church, Greenfield, IN)
- Fred Daniel jr (Brookhaven Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC)
- Mark Aheron (Bible Baptist Church, Burlington , NC)
- Arthur McGahan (Greensboro, N.C.)
- Ottis Jarrell (Pine Forest Baptist Church, Hallsville, TX)

We want to thank them and their churches for participating in this 26<sup>th</sup> annual conference.

My family and I will be leaving the last week of June to visit a few of our supporting churches. We must be back in Mexico by the last week of August for the opening of the fall semester. Please be in prayer for this trip.

In His service, Jerry & Itzen Shaw

On the next page you can see pictures of our annual alumni dinner. This year there were a total of 23 graduates, amongst them, several who are full time pastors.















