

Greetings from Guadalajara,

We are finally back in Mexico after visiting a few of our supporting churches. All together we visited 17 churches in the 2 months we were in the U.S.A. Our whole family looked forward with much anticipation to the trip but we were all ready to get back home. I can assure you that after 7 weeks of constant travel the road gets really looooong.

After leaving Mexico, we traveled through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Had a 30 hour breakdown in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, stopped in Indiana to see family and home church (Bethel Baptist in Greenfield) and went to Missouri to visit family. While in N.C. we enjoyed being in a missions conference in Bible Baptist church in Greensboro. My wife Itzen, enjoyed visiting and witnessing to her uncles, aunts and cousins who live in Randalman, N.C.

It was the first time our youngest daughter, Jada, had ever been in the Unites States and she was really wide eyed and everything was new to her. Before leaving Mexico, she had an attraction for horses but after getting to ride her aunt Kim's horses she is now in love with all "horsies" she sees. Jada will be 3 years old on the 22nd of September. Our other daughter, Jezen, will be 6 on November 11th. The only other time she had been in the U.S. was when she was 3. She had forgotten just about everything and was very excited about going back. We mostly camped in state parks and they both loved all the beautiful things that most state parks have to offer. Both girls enjoyed meeting their cousins and spending time with them in Indiana. My mother's brother, Samuel Gonzalez lives in Missouri; on our way back home we stopped for one night to see them. Our girls got to see 7 second cousins they never knew existed.

On our way back home we suffered along with a burnt out transmission in Texarkana, Tx. We called Pastor Ottis Jarrell in Hallsville, Tx for help. Two men of his church drove close to 100 miles in big trucks and rescued us. My truck wasn't worth the cost of fixing. The loving Christians of that church fixed us up with another vehicle. If it weren't for all of you who love the Lord and love missionaries we could not have a ministry in this country. Thank all of you who love, help and protect missionaries.

From Hallsville, Tx we drove to Victoria where we had another breakdown which lasted an additional 24 hours. We were again rescued by another Christian man who came to our aid and paid for all expenses. We then drove through the night and arrived at the border where my mother and father were waiting to escort us the last 600 miles back to south western Mexico. We arrived at 2 a.m. Sunday morning.

We really enjoyed a wonderful time visiting everyone in the United States and everything went well except for the last week.

Even though we did not like having the mechanical troubles, it was a precious time of seeing how the Lord protected my entire family and led us along the way until reaching our destination without harm. He is truly a loving and protecting Lord.

Thank all of you for being Gods children and praying for others in heavens family.

In His service, Jerry and Itzen Shaw