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Greetings from Guadalajara,

I am not exactly sure of the date but about 30 years ago, my father as a missionary became very concerned for himself and others because they never heard preaching in the English language. There were no such things as pastor conferences in English. The missionaries were constantly giving out the Word of God in Spanish, but never getting to hear it preached in their native language. Upon talking with other missionaries, he found they had the same concern about themselves and their families. Together they wrote letters to pastors of supporting churches and asked if they could come on the third Monday of January each year to preach to them. The conference would end on Friday. I was just a child but I remember several pastors responded. Most pastors had to pay their own expenses. A few were fortunate enough to have their churches help them but as I recall, most of the pastors paid their own way. The missionaries were so thrilled with the results the preaching had on their lives, it was decided to make it an annual event. I have often heard my father say that it is the best week of his year. Over the years, the conference has had a great effect on others as well as the missionaries. At least 10 young people who accompanied the pastors dedicated their lives and became missionaries while several others dedicated their lives to become pastors. In all, more than 25 people are now in full time ministries because of their trip to this Mexican missionary conference.

One of our much beloved pastors, Ray Baggi, went home to heaven this past year. Instead of flowers, he asked people to dedicate money to me to be used in my church. Every time it rained water poured into the Sunday school room, the floors were cracked and the rooms were tiny. With the \$630 we received, the wall was fixed and no more rain water comes in, instead of 3 rooms we now have 2 nice freshly painted rooms. The electric wiring was modernized, a window was added and new ceramic tile floor was installed. Our kids are much happier and more comfortable in their rooms. We thank the Baggi family for their kindness to our people.

Our conference this year will be held in January 18th to 21st. 2016. We would like for you to join us. You may call my dad's cell phone, 956 371 5105. You may also call my pastor Randall Parker in Indiana, Bethel Baptist, 317 462 5850 or Pastor Fred Daniel in North Carolina, 336 327 6047.

The church and school The church is growing, mostly during Sunday evening services and we have six candidates for baptism. We have had several visitors these last few weeks. Because of my duties in the evening division of the Bible school, plus, the day college activities, I no longer have any days off. Therefore, I am looking forward to our conference.

In His service;
Jerry and Itzen Shaw