

Merry Christmas from Guadalajara,

My wife, Itzen, daughters, Jezen and Jada and I wish each of you a Christ centered and family oriented Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

The older I grow, the more I realize the importance of family unity and love. I almost lost my dad this year first with double pneumonia and just recently with heart failure. We therefore pray that all of you draw your family nigh unto you this Christmas and that each one of you draw nigh unto the Lord. It makes for a sweeter Christmas.

Our daughters, Jezen, 6 years old and Jada, now three years old are getting excited about this Christmas season. They are wanting to put up a tree and other seasonal decorations. They as yet, do not understand salvation but it is our prayer that they come to know Christ as their Savior at a very early age in their lives and that they both serve Him all of their days. Both really enjoy Sunday school and junior church and they love to sing good Christian songs.

I drove my dad to the hospital in the States and stayed with him and mother for eight days until he was discharged. I left them there for doctors visits then drove back home to fulfill my obligations in the pastorate and the Bible school. I taught both my classes and my dads' classes as well. On Friday, Dec. 4th, I drove 600 miles to the U.S.A. and on Saturday we drove back to be ready for Sunday services. I never got any rest and was extremely tired. December is always packed full of activities and outside of Christmas day, I find that we don't have one day off. I therefore, am really going to enjoy Christmas day with my family.

Our church is going to have a Christmas evening dinner on the 20th. Everyone will be bringing a special dish and it is going to be an interesting time as we have several new, recently saved people who have never celebrated a Christ honored Christmas. Early in January, I will be baptizing between 6 to 8 new believers. I love to see new Christians who are growing and following Christ in believers' baptism.

We want to thank each one of you who pray and give financially to the supporting of this ministry. You are the life line which makes missions possible. We are grateful to you for your kindness and generosity.

Note: Our annual on the field mission has been canceled for this year.

In His service,
Jerry and Itzen Shaw

