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Greetings from Guadalajara,

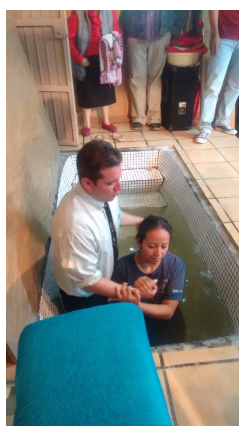
Several wonderful events have occurred since my last letter. The church has grown in membership as well as in spiritual growth. In the month of January five people were baptized and a sixth in February. This current month has also been spectacular as three teenagers and one young adult have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Also this month three brethren changed their membership to our church; God has truly blessed us these last few months. Another memorable event which took place the 13th of March was the church homecoming, although we didn't count, we believe that there were almost 100 people in attendance, it was a blessing to see.

The Bible School has also received good news as we have been confirmed the arrival of two new students for this fall semester, one of which has grown up in our church since he was 9 years old. The second student that will be coming is a Mexican-American brother from Idaho. We are excited to have new students. We will also be starting a Masters program this next fall with two students. We are looking forward to the challenge. So far, this puts our fall semester count at eleven students for the night school, three for the undergraduate course and two for the Masters program. Graduation this year will be held on the 21st of May, that day, Brother Reyoquin Ortiz will receive his diploma.

As far as special projects, we have recently started giving the Bible school building maintenance as this has been ignored for over 5 years now. It seems as though we are getting towards the end of it, although we are still lacking the paint job. We will also be starting on a church project updating the electronics such as the audio and projection. The new twin projectors were donated to us by Bethel Baptist Church in Greenfield, IN.; we are very thankful for the very generous donation. We are praying that this project will be able to get off the ground in the next couple of weeks.

On a personal note, Itzen and I thank our Lord for giving us one more year of marriage. The 19th of this month, we celebrated our 11th Anniversary. I thank God for the privilege He has given me in being the husband of such a wonderful woman. Jezen and Jada have also been doing well; it is a joyful experience getting to see both of them grow up. Jezen is reading and writing well and losing her teeth, and Jada has adapted well to kindergarten.

The prayer of our family is that the Lord is blessing each and every one of you in your personal lives as well as in the ministries you are serving in.



In His service,
Jerry Shaw Jr.
in Mexico