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Greetings from Guadalajara,

I trust all of you are over cabin fever by now and are enjoying a beautiful spring there in your area.

First things first- **Help!** I drove to the church to do some electrical work and parked in front of the church. I got out of the car, took my tools and locked the doors. I then opened the big, double, church doors and went inside, leaving my car in plain view. I doubt I was in the auditorium more than five minutes when I had to retrieve another tool from the automobile. To my astonishment, the car had been broken into and my computer was gone! How that could happen with me standing no farther than 80 feet away and with the double doors of the church being open, I will never understand. I had very important information, Bible studies, sermons, student grades, our new master degree plans, etc. on that computer. Thankfully, most of the work was backed up. What I did not have backed up was the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our supporting pastors and churches. **Could you please help me by sending your names, telephone numbers and addresses to my e-mail?**

For better news, we have modernized our church with up to date wiring, better lighting, new projectors and sound system. Our people are really enjoying the changes. We hope to have everything completed within a couple of months. We have seen an increase in attendance in the Sunday morning service, and we have had several professions of faith this last month.

Mothers' Day was a blessing for our ladies. We all pitched in and had a taco vendor come and make an assortment of delicious tacos for them. Each mother received a new shawl. They like shawls but do not spend money on themselves to buy them because they deem it a luxury and not a necessity. Best of all, a lady was saved on that special day.

The Bible college graduation was a blessing for our church. I was told that about 120 people were in attendance. We had 9 people receive certificates with one graduating this year. The graduate was Reyoquin (Rey) Abran Ortiz. Rey is the fourth person of his

family to graduate from this Bible college. His father, Pastor Jesus Ortiz, brought one of the best sermons I have ever heard him preach. His older brother, also a graduate, is a pastor in Idaho and his next older brother is a missionary on deputation. Rey will be studying with us for his Masters degree.

We will soon be setting up another church in this area with our Bible college material. They already have 12 students signed up for the program. Rey Ortiz, Jonatan Galicia, along with the pastor and us will be teaching those students. We now have 28 prospective students for the coming year.

In His service,
Jerry & Itzen Shaw

