

*And she shall bring forth a son,
and thou shalt call his name JESUS:
for he shall save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21



December 2016

Itzen, Jezen, Jada and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

All of you have been very faithful to this ministry, not only this past year, but every year and we are thankful to you for your generosity, prayers and concern. It is wonderful to be able to enjoy so many friends such as you.

We are seeing the fruits of our teaching and instruction among the new students as they are now beginning to preach and to have a better understanding of the Word of God. The 3 young men studying the Master's program are really enjoying their studies and we are seeing great maturity in their young lives. I do not think we could have a better investment.

In November, our church hosted the area youth meeting. One of the young men of the Master's program brought the preaching sermon, and it was one of the best messages of encouragement for young people that I have heard in a long time. I was astounded by the good comments of the pastors who were in attendance. One pastor asked, "Where did this pastor come from?" When I told him the young man was a student, he could hardly believe it. Our church was filled and overflowing with around 150 people in attendance. Boy, could they eat! Our helpers fixed more than 400 hot dogs plus other foods. It was a good and fun time for which I thank our Lord.

On a sad note, our blue Dodge truck was stolen on Sunday morning right in front of my house while we were in church preaching. This was the only new truck my dad had ever owned and we kept it in top condition. This truck in part, was given to my dad by many people after having served as a missionary for 25 years. He dedicated it to the Lord the day he drove it off the agency lot, and it has always been used for God's ministry. Please be in prayer that it can be found.

Itzen has been teaching special courses to the ladies in our church and also teaches a class in the night school institute at El Salto. Our girls go with us and are usually asleep when we arrive back home at 11:00 PM. Getting up for school is a little difficult for them on Wednesday mornings, but they both continue to do well in their studies. Both girls are the youngest children in their class. They are both anxiously awaiting Christmas.

Serving Christ in Mexico, we remain,

Jerry, Itzen, Jezen and Jada Shaw