



Greetings from Guadalajara,

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Thank you for all you do for us and for keeping us in your prayers. You are precious to us, and you are the lifeline of this ministry.

I know it must be getting quite cold in the U.S.A. by now, and you are probably busy getting ready for winter. While we don't have a severe winter here in western Mexico, it has been chilly in the mornings. It is also very cold in the mountains where we will be going in December. In just a few short days, my family and I along with several church members will be going up in the mountains to help the Huichol Indians. Some of the Baptist pastors and Christians are in need and asked us to help them. We know that they are hungry, but they never asked for food. Their desire is to have some decent instruments to help them glorify the Lord in song.

The guitars the Indians had were made out of pine wood which is a very poor instrument and usually do not last more than a year. And, they really do not produce a good sound. Four or five Indians will get together to sing Christian hymns and soon they may attract 50 to 100 people who set around to listen to the hymns and music. The Huichol pastors will then begin to preach the gospel to them. Over the years many a heart has been challenged by the hearing of the Word of God and has repented and gotten saved.

The pastors have not had any instruments for more than three years and we are going to help them. During the years I was a professional musician I made many contacts with guitar, bass and instrument makers who are not Christians but one of my old friends is helping me with this project. He has been repairing good used instruments left in his shop to be repaired but have never been claimed. All of the instruments would cost between \$200 to \$800 each. I am paying just a fraction of that price. We have received a gift of more than \$600 dollars from Calvary Baptist church in New Bern NC, which is a wonderful blessing. We now have 12 guitars and 2 base fiddles ready to go. We were hoping to buy 2 violins at a cost of \$115.00 each but have run out of money. We are praising the Lord for the \$5,000 worth of instruments we have ready to take with just an investment of \$1000. **Our Indian friends will be thrilled as they have never had anything like this before!**

We will also be taking sacks of beans and rice and other food items for them. It is giving us real joy to be able to help them.

I am exhausted! With pastoring a church, the Bible college, the two night schools and working in the construction of the Ameca church, I feel as if I have been run over by a very big Mack

truck. However, the work on the Ameca church is almost finished, and it is such a blessing to see those dear Christians in their new church building.

The church started an AWANA program in the month of October. There are now 40 children attending regularly. About half of these children come from Christian homes and attend church every service. The other half of the children are unsaved. Please pray that these children will come to know Christ as their Savior through this ministry.

The following pictures are of some of the purchased instruments, Bible school students getting together, finishing the floor in Ameca church, and the very first service in the new building.

In His service,

Jerry & Itzen Shaw



