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This is our first letter of this New Year. I trust all of you enjoyed the holidays and are now actively awaiting spring when things are beautiful, new and active.

We did send all of you a video of our trip to the Huichol (we-chol) Indian village which I hope you downloaded and enjoyed. The trip was a blessing to all of our people, and we are hoping to do more for them. There is a good possibility, with your help, that we will be helping them build a church where they will be able to worship the Lord. The Indian pastor, Julio de la Cruz, is invited to speak at our home coming the 18th. of March. Our church will give him a good love offering, three guitars which were damaged on the trip and had to be repaired and four toilets. They have no electricity, no water and are living in misery. They surely do love the Lord and constantly sing praises to Him. I praise the Lord for the four adult people who were saved on that trip.

We are looking forward to the Bible College graduation when we will have our first three Masters program graduates. These young men have greatly matured during the two year program and are anxious, prepared and ready to enter into the ministry. Two of them are second generation pastors whose fathers are graduates of this Bible College, and the other is a third generation pastor.

During the summer months, I will be going to the States to do some deputation work and will be in several new churches and visit a few of our supporting churches that I have not visited in a long while. Some of our graduates from the Masters program would like to travel with me. Three of them are American citizens. One student, Salvador Lara, has already made application with my mission board to be a missionary here in Mexico and hopes to meet with board members during this trip. My wife and daughters will not travel with me because our girls are in public school where there is no summer vacation. The Mexican school system used to lag behind other countries in education, but now have a vigorous educational program and rates well among other nations. My heart's desire is that they could be with me on the trip, but I must do what is best for them.

The church continues to do well and is slowly growing. We now have a much better attendance on Sunday mornings and a very strong attendance on Sunday evenings. We have good services on Wednesdays as well but only average 26 people. I want to see better results for prayer meeting. All the Bible schools are doing well, and I believe we have only lost two or three students during the whole year.

We thank you for supporting and praying for this ministry.

In His service,

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