

Greetings from Guadalajara,

This current month has begun with trials as well as with great joy. My father, Dr. Jerrel Shaw Sr. went home to be with our Savior this past Sunday at the age of 78. He served as a missionary in the country of Mexico for 48 years and worked hard until one week before going to be with the Lord.

Our family has smiles on our faces because we know that my father is with the Lord in his glorified body and enjoying himself in His presence, which is where he had always wanted to be. Although we are happy for him, we hurt for ourselves, as the physical separation is a hard thing, but we rejoice in this time of trial, for our Lord has all the Glory for His will is always done for He is sovereign.

**Romans 5:3-5** *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

The whole month will be filled with activities, this upcoming Saturday our church will have a “quinceañera”, a Mexican traditional celebration of a girl coming into womanhood, this is her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and usually a very big deal among Mexican families.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March our church will be celebrating its homecoming. We are looking forward to that as we will be visited by brethren from the little mission work from the town of “libertad” as well as the newly formed church “New Life Baptist Church” which was started by one of our home missionaries brother Moises Contreras.

Our family will be traveling to the U.S.A. on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March to take my father’s ashes back home to Indianapolis. We will be staying ten days before returning to Mexico to continue serving our Savior.

“New life Baptist Church” is the 24<sup>th</sup> church my father would have liked to build. Our aim, if God allows, is to build it together with Bro. Contreras and the students and graduates of the Bible College. The church already has its own land and it is completely paid for. We pray that we can build it within the next couple of years.

In His service,  
Jerry & Itzen Shaw

