



April letter 2019

Greetings from  
Guadalajara,

This past month has been an emotional roller coaster for our family. As you all may have heard by now, my father Dr. Jerrel K. Shaw Sr. went to

be with our Lord and Savior on 03/03/2019. Close to 500 hundred people were at my fathers wake here in Guadalajara and 180 friends and family attended his memorial service in Bethel Baptist Church, our sending church in Greenfield, IN. Our family thanks all of you who attended the service and have showed us your love during these difficult times. We are grateful to our home church who helped greatly with the expenses to travel back home to bury my dad in his home town of New Palestine, IN.

My mother is now 76 years old and will now be living with us in our home in Guadalajara. We are going to start the build of a small apartment for her in the back yard in order to give her privacy. Because of her age, it is getting difficult for her to move around and she can no longer go upstairs where the bedrooms are. At this time, she is sleeping on a mattress in the living room. We thank Pine Forest Baptist Church in Hallsville, TX, as well as Peace River Baptist Church in Punta Gorda, FL, for helping us with the financial needs to build this apartment for her. At this point we do not know if we have enough to finish the project, but know the Lord will supply all the needs to see it through.

Please keep my mother in prayer as this new change in her life is difficult. My mom and dad were inseparable in everything they did

in the service for the Lord. At this time, she is very quiet and hasn't said much of anything. She is joyful knowing that my father is in glory, however the physical separation is hard.

Although our families 10-day trip back home was under hard circumstances, it was a true blessing to be in our home church and to be with family. We all enjoyed spending time with my sisters Kim and Kathy. Seeing snow is one of our daughters' desires since we do not get snow in this part of Mexico. We were



sure they would get to see snow since it was so cold there during our stay, however, it didn't happen. The next day after we left, my sister Kim called me to tell me that it was snowing! Our daughters were upset; maybe next time!

The ministry continues, the Bible school remains open and we have no intention to close it down. This next 25<sup>th</sup> of May will be the graduation of 10 students. It is in our hearts to open another night school in the neighboring town of Villacorona, we ask you to keep this in prayer. If possible, classes in this new school will begin in the fall... Lord willing.

The church is doing well, although few have come to know Christ as their Savior this year, we are seeing a wonderful spiritual growth among the members of the church, we praise God for this. Four young people are scheduled to be baptized in the beginning

of May; the church is thrilled to see these youth obey God in this His ordinance.

The Libertad mission work is seeing new people attend. Please pray for pastor Felix Garcia, who is working there. This is a very hard area to minister in, he often gets discouraged because of the hearts of stone in this community.

Our church has 3 missionaries that have been sent out, Felix Garcia (Libertad mission), Salvador Lara (on deputation), and Moses Contreras (Tala, Jalisco). My father wanted to build the church building of Bro. Contreras's church, this would have been his 24<sup>th</sup> church build (New Life Baptist Church). Our aim is to build it within the next couple of years, unfortunately the church is having trouble with the land they have purchased; problems with purchase of land and the deeds to the land is a common problem in this country. This situation is the only thing that is an obstacle for us in order to start the build, we ask for your prayers with this situation.

Near our home here in Guadalajara, there is a church that is about 40 years old, it is called Bethel Baptist church. It was founded by missionary Brown. They have not had a pastor for close to a decade, Jonathan Galicia one of our graduates and member our church will be candidating for the pastorate during the summer, we ask you to pray for this situation so that the people in this congregation will have a pastor and be edified.

For those of you who have been faithfully supporting my parents throughout so many years, we are thankful. Your churches have a great investment in souls in the country of Mexico and the interests of your investment are large. Although my father has gone to be with the Lord, your support is still needed to continue working in this vast ministry. Our family's prayer is that the Lord

continues to bless your churches, ministries and overall service to Christ our Redeemer.

In His service,  
Jerry K. Shaw, Jr.