



Greetings from
Guadalajara,

Our prayer is that you are all doing well and enjoying the season change. As a family we keep all of you in prayer daily, so the Lord may bless His work amongst you as individuals and as a church body.

Many wonderful things have happened since our last prayer letter. Our activities seem to have grown within the mission works and local church events.

The Buenavista mission work:

Pst. Miguel Cruz left the mission work to take on a pastorate in another state, leaving the mission work unattended. This was a shock to all of us and put a strain on our local church to provide for a permanent preacher in that town. Thankfully, three men in our church decided to take turns preaching and working with the people of this community until we can find a better solution.

Please pray for the Buenavista mission work. Currently there are about 30 people assisting regularly.

Discipleship in San Sebastian:

About a year ago, a new family started attending our church, they took three buses to come worship because their home is so far from church. It took them 2 hours one way to come to church.

They decided that it would not be possible to continue this routine and asked for assistance. One of the men in our church (Jose Luis Hernandez) took the challenge and began working with this

family in their home. Not very long after this, 8 families started to attend regularly and several have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Our prayer is that this group of people (about 35) will develop into a new mission work in the near future. Please help us pray for this project.

Tala church building (New Life Baptist Church):

Every Monday we head out to the town of Tala to build the new church building. The footings are entirely finished and we are almost ready to start putting up the walls. This past Monday we purchased a 5,000 liter fresh water cistern, the hole was dug and the cistern put in. This will help greatly with the water situation, as city water is limited and there is no well system. We thank Pine Forest Baptist Church in Hallsville, Tx, for donating money towards this church build. We currently have enough to build 75% of the walls. We ask you to be our prayer partner asking the Lord to provide financially for His church.

The church property is 30 x 115 ft. There are 3 lots attached to the property that we would like to purchase if the Lord allows, two of the three lots have come up for sale at about \$8,000 dollars each. We ask for your prayers in this matter as well.

Last month we held a two-day conference for married couples in Tala, 18 couples showed up! This was the first time we did this and it was a true blessing for all. We are now looking forward to implement this conference annually. We are thankful to Missionary to Mexico Jack Henderson and his wife Sister Iva Dean for providing the materials that were used.

Bible School:

It is very exciting to see the students growing spiritually every day. 3 of our students have begun to preach after taking a homiletics course. All three are doing an excellent work and our prayer is

that we can start using them in the different ministries in the local church soon.

This year will be a small graduating class (only 4, two men and two women). The two men are already working for the Lord in mission works, one in a town called “La Alameda” (Bro. Oscar) and one in “Libertad” (Bro. Felix). We ask you to keep them in prayer, as both of these towns are extremely hard to work in.

Grace Baptist Church:

This is the church I have personally been pastoring for a few years. The church has grown very slowly in numbers, we now have around 75 faithful brethren. A new family has requested church membership, we are excited about that. Also, this past Sunday, a lady by the name of Lourdes Vargas made a profession of faith in Christ! This was exciting for our church.

Last year we started faith promise and it was a blessing to see the Lord provide \$3,469 U.S. towards missions. Our prayer is that the number will increase this year. Currently, the church supports 5 Mexican missionaries, one in Ghana, Africa and the other four are local.

Our family:

Itzen has been sick with some kind of virus for the majority of this year. She has had fevers on and off for the last 2 months as well as an incessant cough. We ask you to be in prayer for her health.

Our daughters Jazen and Jada are doing well and growing every day. Jazen is learning how to play the violin and the ukulele, she enjoys playing every service for God. Jada is learning how to play the piano; we hope to see her play for our Lord in the near future.

My mother is doing well in health, although she still seems to be out of place without the company of my father. Please keep my mother in prayer.

As for me... all is well

In His service,
Jerry and Itzen Shaw

