

## September Prayer Letter 2020

Greetings from Guadalajara,

Our family's prayer is that you are all well and enjoying the beginning of the fall. The leaf change and the different colors that come with it always reminds me not only of creation, but also the sovereignty of God who is in total control, including seasonal changes.



Bible School started up last week with a total of 29 students. We are excited for this fall semester and pray that the students will grow by leaps and bounds in the knowledge of the Word of our Lord.

As with most ministries around the world, covid-19 has taken a toll. Although our state governor and local mayor have allowed us to hold church services as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, several restrictions have been enforced. This has created a drop of 50% in attendance within all the ministries we work in. We consider ourselves blessed, since many other states and counties have not allowed church service since the pandemic began in March. We ask you to pray for us as we pray for you during these hard, but yet exciting times. Keep looking up, as we know that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will not tarry.

The Tala church building (New Life Baptist Church) is coming along. It has been a slow process; we are grateful the Lord has allowed us to finish the walls halfway up. Although the building is far from being finished (No roof, no electricity, no bathrooms), the congregations desire is to have the first church service in the building sometime in November. We ask you to be our prayer partners for the Lords financial provision in order to complete His church building.

On a personal note, I ask your prayers for my sister, Kim Branscum, who lost her husband Robert Frank Branscum to cancer 3 weeks ago at the age of 53. Our prayer is that the Lord will give her peace, comfort in the Holy Spirit and direction, during this time of hardship.

Several people have asked about my mom. I am happy to inform that she is doing well spiritually, physically, and emotionally. She still enjoys giving Sunday school class to the little children and is happy she can still serve our Lord. If it were up to her, there is no doubt she would do her best working in other areas of ministry, however, she is now unable to drive a vehicle, and has a harder time walking. This of course makes service to the Lord a more difficult task for her... but she will not stop. Please keep her in your prayers.

Itzen at this time is taking care of our daughters who have been ill for the last couple of days with a nasty cold; we ask prayer for soon recovery. They have already started school by internet, as Mexican schools have not physically opened. This has made education very hard for Mexican children, as there are thousands of towns across the country who as of yet do not have internet access.

Fervent prayer and deep study of the word of God is necessary. We pray that you, your family, and your church family put stress upon these necessities, and grow stronger in Him who has redeemed us and who will one day soon come back for His bride. Keep looking up!

In His service,  
Jerry & Itzen Shaw

