



Greetings from Guadalajara,

May the Lord bless you greatly in your ministry and in your daily walk with Him this year. It is safe to say that 2020 was a rough year for the world. Many churches around the globe suffered with Covid-19, bringing hardships and even the death of brethren and loved ones. However, we rejoice in the death of our brethren, as we know they are in the presence of our Redeemer.

The months of November and December were hard for us on a personal and ministerial level. My father-in-law, Dr. Gustavo Lopez was admitted into the hospital the last week of December with covid. Four days after being admitted, his father (my wife's grandfather) died of pneumonia, he was 96 years old. He had been witnessed to on several occasions but he would always reject our Lord Jesus Christ.

Itzen father was released from the hospital last week. He is off oxygen and is doing well; we praise the Lord for his return home. My mother-in-law was also diagnosed positive however she did not present strong symptoms.

Eighteen brethren in our church were diagnosed with covid during December. This was a rough experience for our little church. They are all doing well now... some better than others.

The new semester in the Bible school has started with 27 students in total. Our prayer is that these students will learn more each day of our Lord and His Word. It was difficult to find enough teachers to satisfy the needs of the students in three separate locations, but the Lord has provided for which we are grateful.

The New Church Building in the town of Tala has been put on hold due to lack of funds. We are hoping to re-start construction sometime in March if our Lord wills it. The building permit has also expired, we are doing our best to get it renewed. At this time, we only have enough materials left to put in a small bathroom. The church has been holding services in the new unfinished building, the lack of a bathroom has made church time uncomfortable for many. We ask you to be our prayer partners on the matter of the permit so we can put in the restroom.

The third Sunday in December we rejoiced to see the baptism of 5 people in our church, it was an encouragement to see the public testimony of obedience to this our

Lords ordinance. Our prayer is that they will grow in the Lord and serve Him in His ministry.

Missionary Salvador Lara, Bro. Victor Moreno (student in Bible School) and myself spent New Year in the mountains with the Huichol (we-chol) Indians. It was a blessing to spend time with our brethren. It seems that Covid-19 has not affected the people there, but their daily struggles are plentiful. Please continue to pray for our Huichol brethren. While we were there, a few of them were baptized by their pastor, Julio de la Cruz.

Our family is doing well, Itzen has always been strong in the Lord even during difficult times, and I thank God for her testimony. The girls are growing, this year Jazen will be 12 and Jada 9. They both love the Lord and enjoy serving within the church. My mother is also doing well, she is trying to be cautious due to Covid, so she is not going out of the house much; she says she is bored and can't wait to serve.

As a family we pray daily for you and the ministries of your church. Although times are difficult for most at this moment, we rejoice, knowing that the will of God is being done and knowing that Jesus Christ God our Lord will not tarry and will be coming for His bride.

In His service,  
Jerry & Itzen Shaw

