



Greetings from Guadalajara,

January has been a fantastic month for us, full of amazing blessings from our Lord. Our family has been doing well, Jezen and Jada are growing and enjoying school, and best of all, Itzen and I see their growth in knowledge of the Word and in their relationship with Christ, as parents we are thankful to God and joyful.

Itzen and I have been keeping busy giving classes in the Bible school and serving together in our church as well as in the mission work. I thank the Lord every day for her life, as she is a true virtuous woman.

Mom has been doing well and continues to serve together with Itzen and myself within the church by teaching the children. Recently, she was invited to give a study in a women's conference in a nearby church, she was thrilled for the opportunity to teach women and share her ministry experience with them.

On the 22nd of January we had a very special event which has always been dear to our hearts. For the first time since 2013 we celebrated our 30th alumni banquet. Due to Covid, several alumni were unable to attend. In total we had 65 people at the banquet, 25 alumni together with their families, as well as 22 of our current students. It was a special time, as some of them had not seen each other in many years. This year we had the pleasure of having Pastor Jesus Gonzalez (Class of 92) and His wife Emma Gonzalez (class of 96) attend the event. Pastor Gonzalez had not been in Mexico for 22 years, as he has been pastoring a Hispanic church in Indianapolis.

New Life Baptist Church in the city of Tala is doing well, Pastor Moises Contreras and his wife Susie continue working hard amongst the people of that community. He has been a wonderful friend and teacher in the Bible school both in Guadalajara and in Tala. The church building in Tala has come to a halt. We have run out of money to continue for the moment. So far, we have only been able to cover half the roof with I-Beams, it will cost \$3,000 U.S.D. in steel alone. We know our Lord will provide for needed funds to fully complete His church building.

We ask you to continue praying with us for Huichol Indian Pastor Julio de la Cruz. He has been away from his people since October. He is still in Guadalajara receiving chemotherapy and as of yet has not gone into surgery to remove the large tumor on his right shoulder. Doctors are expecting to remove it as soon as the Chemo sessions end. His wife, sister Cornelia has been by her husband's side every step of the way during this hard journey. She has been a blessing, as her testimony has impacted the lives of several people. We thank the Lord for such a precious God-fearing couple. Please pray for Octavio Salas, he is Pastor Julio's son in law, who has been taking the pastors place behind the pulpit.

The mission work in Buenavista is doing well. It has not grown in number, but they have grown in Grace and Knowledge. Brother Armando and his wife Rebecca, together with Brother Marshall and his wife Rosario, have teamed up to work in the mission. They have been praying for the people, teaching them, and they have been sharing the gospel in the town of Buenavista. They have much work ahead of them, we ask you to be in prayer for their ministry. American missionary Michael Meyers of Alabama has been a true blessing to this particular mission work. He and his wife Carol have been going to Buenavista on Saturdays to have prayer time with the brethren. Their weekly work and commitment to this mission work has been a blessing to all of us, we thank the Lord for their lives.

Grace Baptist church has been doing wonderful. As of the beginning of the year we have had 6 people requesting membership and 6 others are ready to be baptized. This is only by His Grace and Mercy, for which we are grateful. Although Covid hit our entire church, the brethren continue to attend; like in most churches, several of them have been attending on a hit and miss basis. This of course is a concern, for which we ask you to pray with us on this matter as we also pray for you.

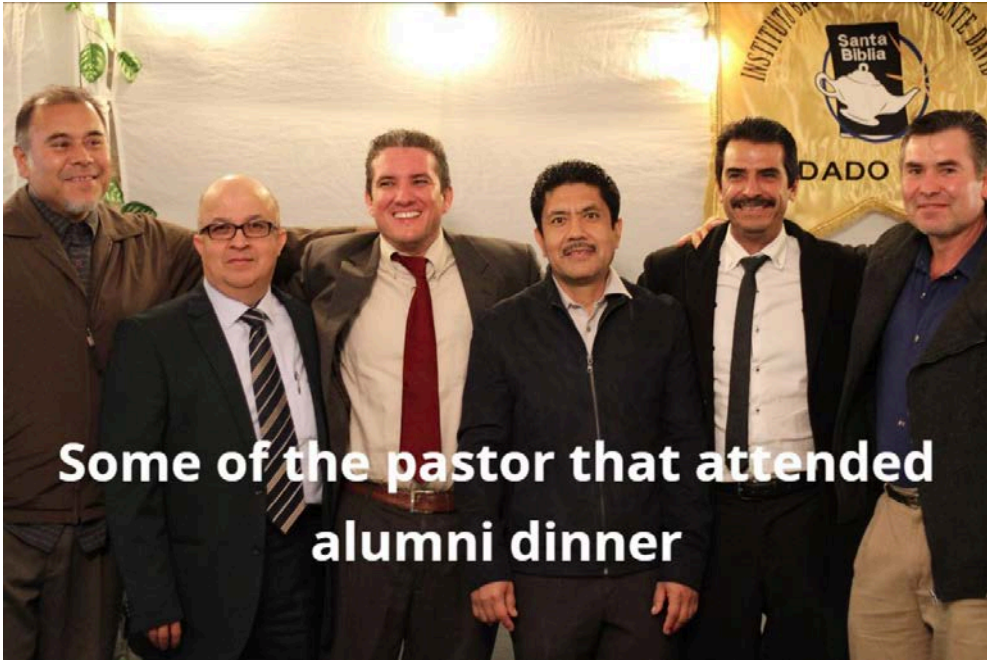
Our missionary Salvador Lara will be going back to the Unites States in order to finish his deputation. He has been in Guadalajara together with us since the month of

November. He will be traveling to the Texas border where he will resume the deputation trail. We ask for your prayers for him as he has struggled to raise support during these unstable Covid times. He has been a blessing to us during his months here. We will miss his service, kindness, love and sense of humor.

We pray that this letter finds you well and our prayer is that you continue serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in everything you do because the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

In His service, The Shaw's in Mexico







Mom teaching ladies



Missionary Salvador Lara with Parents