

Merry Christmas from Mexico!

Only five days until Christmas! The celebration of the birth of our Lord, together with the remembrance of His sacrifice and victorious resurrection should constantly be in the hearts and minds of every believer. The fact that God incarnate came to this world to die on the cross for the sins of those who would believe in Him is an act of complete mercy to which we will forever be in awe. Our prayer as a family is that this Christmas will be a time of great joy, spiritual edification as well as fellowship with your church family and loved ones.

Family: This year we will be celebrating the birth of Christ at our home here in Guadalajara together with Itzen's parents, my mother and the four of us. Jezen and Jada have been counting down the days since this month began, they can't hardly wait! Setting up the tree as a family was a special time for us, goofing around and eating brownies while doing it brought laughter and fatness into our lives, which we enjoyed.

Bible School: The Bible school students began their Christmas vacation on the 16th of December, they all went home to their families and should return by the 2nd of January to resume their studies. Jonathan de Jesus (we call him Chuy) returned to his home church in the northern part of the state to help build a new building for his church. This is Chuy's first semester in the Bible School, his love and zeal for our Saviour is evident and sincere, we ask you to be in prayer for him as he serves the Lord alongside his pastor Rolando Ortiz.



Emergency repairs had to be made in the students' quarters. This year Guadalajara had significant rain fall, we knew there were leaks in the dorms, but had to wait until after the season was over to make the necessary repairs. A month ago, we decided to start working on the problem only to find out the damage was worse than expected. There are structural problems which almost caused the roof to collapse. We ask you to pray together with us for this issue, as it needs to be repaired by the time the students return from Christmas break. The rooms will not be completely finished by that date, but at least they can use them without having the concrete roof fall on them.

Church: Christmas service in our church (Grace Baptist) was held this past Sunday evening, several brethren brought special hymns and praised our Lord for His Birth, death and resurrection. Although not everyone was able to assist (due to illness), our time of worship was truly memorable. The church was also grateful to see some of the brethren from the "Buenavista" mission work who were able to accompany us for the event.

Thank you all so much for your faithfulness and love to our Lord regarding missions, not only domestically or here in Mexico, but all around the World. We love you all and pray for you daily, that you may grow in Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; Merry Christmas!

In His service,
The Shaws in Mexico

