

Greetings from Guadalajara,

Hot, hot, hot! The city of Guadalajara has always been known for its excellent weather, we have been very spoiled by our 75 F. However, this year has been particularly hot, we are all looking forward to upcoming rainy season to cool off. We hope you all stay cool during the summer months as you serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Family: Our daughters have begun the countdown till summer vacations. They will be out of school the last week of July, they are very excited for that date to arrive. They are excited for the summer camp that is scheduled from July 31st to August 4th. Jada and Zezen have been working in whatever they can in order to have the money for their camp, they are close to their goal! My wife and I praise the Lord for their lives and the love they have for Him.



My mother left Guadalajara on May 10th to visit her brother in Missouri. She was scheduled to be back in Mexico by July 5th, but that plan has changed. She went to the ophthalmologist and was told that she would require surgery to remove cataracts from both eyes. Her left eye will be tended to first on June 22nd and the right one on July 11th. She will probably be arriving back in Mexico the first week of August. We ask for your prayers for my mother's procedure.

As a family we are also very excited, as my sister Kim will be visiting with us for a few days during the month of July. We will also have the privilege of having Bro. John O'Malley (President of our mission agency WWNTBM) with us for a couple of days. We are thankful for their upcoming visit.

Bible School: This past Saturday we celebrated the graduation of the 39th generation of graduates from our Bible College. 6 brethren received their diplomas, including our very first online graduate, sister Rebeca Corona, who serves alongside her husband Pastor Alex Diaz in Idaho (also a graduate). The other brethren who completed their studies were: Victor Moreno (going into missions), Antonio Cabrera (assistant pastor), Rebeca Rivera, Omar Basán and Jorge Torres (Deacons in our church).

As you might remember from our last letter, we have been fixing the Bible Schools building because of extensive water damage over the years. The project is far from done, but we have had to stop due to financial reasons. Our prayer is that the Lord will provide financially for this need. We would like to finish the two new bathrooms and laundry room before the fall semester. Please help us in prayer!

Missionary Salvador Lara, Itzen and myself have already started preparing all the materials for our returning students, several hours of preparation are needed to do this every year. We would like to have all of this out of the way by the first week of August, that way, Itzen and I can enjoy our daughters for a couple weeks before they go back into school.

Church Plants: The mission work in the Town of Buenavista has been slowly growing, three new people have been attending regularly for the past 2 months, we are thankful to see the Lord working in the people of this community. Brother Armando Ortega together with his wife Rebeca, have been heading up this work for the past 3 years and have been a blessing with their great disposition and loving heart. We ask you to pray for brother Chuy and his wife Juanita who attend this mission work, their 18-year-old son was killed by and 18-

wheeler as he was walking down the road; he was not saved.

Brother Felix and his wife Ofelia, together with missionary Salvador Lara have been working with the people of the Town of Libertad. This is a primitive church plant in a one room building, and recently 4 new people have started to attend, which was of great joy for Brother Felix, who has been faithful to the Lord in that town for several years enduring many hardships.

Church: The Tala church (New Life Baptist) has continued the construction of their building. The roof is finally finished, they will not have to go through another rainy season getting wet during service. Praise the Lord! The next step will be getting the concrete floor poured and applying plaster to the walls, it will probably be quite some time before we continue with this.

The Guadalajara Church (Grace Baptist) is also doing well, our newly appointed deacons have been working hard, as they continue to learn about the ministry; they are loved and held in high regard by all the church members. We thank God for these men and their wives who have been leading people to the Lord and have been teaching them Scripture.

2024 Furlough: God has provided my wife with her travel visa. Lord willing, the plan is to have a 2- or 3-month furlough during the summer of 2024. We have not been in the States as a family for quite some time. We ask for your prayers for God's provision for this trip.

We love you all,
In His service,
Jerry & Itzen Shaw

