

Greetings from Guadalajara,

Too hot! From the months of May to now, the average temperature in Guadalajara has been 98°F. This is not usual in our area, making life a bit harder for everyone, as our city does not use A/C. Thank the Lord, our church has been blessed as He has provided for a couple of A/C units which were donated to the church. We will be installing them in the next couple of weeks. Praise the Lord for such a wonderful gift to our church! Rainy season has just begun, we have been thankful for the cooler weather in the last couple of weeks.



The Bible College is ready for the fall semester. So far, we have 41 students enrolled for classes. We ask for your prayers as we are under-staffed, having lost five professors this year, making the load much harder. The online classes will be receiving more attention as 12 of the 41 students will be online. We are still learning and adapting to this new way of teaching, this is our fourth year offering online classes.

New church plant! Missionary Salvador Lara, Victor Moreno and myself have been knocking on doors in the nearby town, "La Venta del Astillero". Brother Salvador is the missionary in charge of this work. We are excited to see the Lord start something new in that area. La Venta has a population of 30,000 with no church. Several have tried to start a church but for one reason or another they end up closing. Please pray that the Lord will work in the hearts and minds of the people in that town.

Colombia and Ecuador: Our family had the privilege to visit these countries by invitation of Colombian missionaries Matt and Amanda Smith. Brother Smith and I have known each other since we were children, brother Smith's grandfather as well as his father were my dad's friend for many years. The Smiths invited us to see the harvest in Colombia and Ecuador. They have partnered up with Mexican missionary to Ecuador Joel Cortez and Colombian pastor Cerón. The Lord has worked mightily through these men and their families. We thank the Lord for the lives of these missionary families who serve our Lord selflessly in spite of difficult adversities.

These men are not only church planters, they have also started a three-year night school program training men and women for the service of our Lord. Our prayer is that one day if the Lord permits, we might also be a part in teaching in this Bible School through our online course.

Family: Sunday after returning from Colombia, we had to take my mother to the emergency room. She had a sharp pain in the abdomen; after a series of tests, she was diagnosed with gall stones. After additional testing, renal failure was also discovered. At this time, her kidneys are only functioning at 20% capacity. Doctors have medicated her in order to stop her kidneys from getting any worse. If the kidneys continue to fail, dialysis would be the next step. At this time, mother is at home with us. We are having difficulties with my mother's insurance, please help us in prayer over this matter.

Itzen's father was diagnosed with cancer two weeks ago, so far, the cancer is contained in one location. Treatment will begin shortly in Mexico City. We ask for your prayer for our family during this difficult time, knowing always that the will of our Lord will be done.

Thanks for your Love and Prayers.
In the service of our Mighty God,
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Youth Camp in Ecuador



Missionary Families Smith & Shaw



Three day conference in our church 16th-18th of August