

Greetings from Guadalajara,

USA, here we come! This has been a year full of obstacles and learning curves, we need a break. We will visit with some of our supporting churches throughout the summer. We are scheduled to leave Mexico June 18th and will be back in the mission field by August 10th.

It has been several years since we have given our supporters an update on the ministry here in Guadalajara; we are happy to get to see some churches after so many years. Itzen and I are also excited to have the opportunity to spend time with my sisters and family while in Indiana in July.

Our daughters will have the opportunity to experience a 4th of July celebration! Last time our oldest was a baby and doesn't remember. I'm excited for them to experience American culture and history during this summer.



Please pray for our trip as we are driving the whole way. I also ask you to be in prayer for our border crossing. Although Jezen and Jada are U.S. citizens, my wife only has a tourist visa. If she is denied entry, it will be a fun father & daughters' summer.

Grace Baptist Church:

The last several months have been hard on many of the members of our church. A couple have recently had deaths in the family, they have died without knowing Christ. Three people have had recent surgeries and has made it difficult for them.

We have been going out every Saturday since September of last year to give the Gospel to anyone who will listen. A small group of our church members have been very faithful every weekend without fails. Bibles have been given out by the hundreds as well as tracts. Recently a man that we witnessed to has started to come to church regularly, his name is Verdin. He is from a small town in the mountains and as a child contracted polio for being unvaccinated. He is 65 years old and has been using crutches since he was 5. His life has been a nightmare since birth. Yet, he has not come to know Christ as his Savior, but he claims to want to know the truth. Please pray for Verdin as we continue working with him.

La Venta (church plant):

Missionary Salvador Lara is heading up a new ministry with the help of a couple other men from our church. La Venta is a small town 15 miles west of the city of Guadalajara. Many have tried throughout the years to start a church in this area; every attempt has failed. Please pray for Brother Lara as he has a long and hard road ahead of him. Our church has rented a one room store front with one full bathroom for the church plant to have a place to start. It is only a 15x20 foot room, but it will do for now.

Misión el Calvario (church Plant in Buenavista):

Brother Armando Ortega & his wife sister Rebeckah have been ministering faithfully in the town of Buenavista for about 4 years now. There are about 20 people who congregate regularly. The congregation changed locations earlier this year into a much smaller store front, the rent is a bit steep, but the location is in the center of town. Because of its location, walk-ins are a common thing now. Our prayer is that these people who have been coming out of curiosity will soon be moved by the Spirit of God and come to the feet of Christ.



Bible School graduation:

This past 30th of May, we celebrated the graduation of the 41st generation of our Bible School. Six brethren graduated and we are happy for them. They worked diligently to study the Word of God. A couple of them went through many hardships and even suffered family rejection to continue their studies; We rejoice with them; our God has seen them through.

The facilities we use for the Bible school are still being remodeled. Our intentions were to finish the building project by the end of this year. It does not look like we will be meeting our goal, but it will be close. Our desire is to start promoting the day school during the spring and summer of 2026 and relaunch in the fall.



Currently we have 29 students enrolled for the upcoming fall semester in the night school as well as online. Lord willing, before the summer is through, a few more will commit to study the Word of God.

Victor Moreno:

Missionary Victor Moreno is a missionary sent out from our church to start church planting in a small town called Jocotepec. He started deputation 3 months ago. Raising support within the country of Mexico has been a challenge for him. Although many missionaries have gone through deputation in Mexico, it is still a relatively new practice. Deputation has only been around for about 30 years or so. We ask you to be in prayer for him as he begins to travel around the country.

Praise Report:

Itzens' father returned last month from Mexico City with a cancer free diagnosis. The Lord has answered prayer! He still must return for checkups every few months, we thank the Lord for His mercy. Itzens' mom and dad are thankful to God and to everyone who prayed for her him during this last year with his battle with cancer.

Thank you all for your love, prayers and support to our family and ministry in Mexico.

U.S.A. here we come!
In His service,
The Shaws

