

Greetings from Guadalajara,

**Family:**

2026 has begun! Last year was a rollercoaster ride for our family as well as for the ministry. From the end of September through November, my mother's health declined, doctors discovered she had Wilke's syndrome. Our Lord gave her doctors and my wife (a biologist) the necessary wisdom to help her. Today she is doing much better, she is going out for walks and eating well, she still has several pounds to gain. We are thankful for the Lords will in this and all matters. Thank you all for your prayers. Everyone else at home is doing well, Jezen and Jada keep growing in every way. The Lord has blessed Itzen and I with our daughters, we cannot express with words the joy that it has been to be the parents of Jezen and Jada.



**Bible School:**

May of 2025 was the official temporary closing of our Bible college dorms; we have been prioritizing on the remodeling of the buildings. This task has become overwhelming at times, but the Lord has graciously provided for all this project's needs. I am also very thankful because we already have 2 young men interested in coming to the Bible College for full time study next fall semester. Hopefully the dorm rooms will be ready for these and all future students.

We will be starting classes in the night school as well as in the online class on the 12 of this month, we are looking forward to getting back into our normal schedules.

**Grace Baptist Church:**

We are joyful to announce that a new family has begun to attend, they have been saved for many years and moved back into the area after being away for a decade. They began looking for a local church and were recommended by Missionary Ray Villareal to look us up. We are glad they did, they have been a joy to have around and have brought a much-needed jump start to our church.

We ask you to be in prayer for Raul and Rosario Sandoval. They are the parents of Brother Cesar Sandoval; he is the treasurer of our church and a wonderful friend. His parents are not saved, Brother Cesar has given the Gospel to his parents in multiple occasions, still they have not come to know Jesus as Lord. Mr. Raul had his leg amputated two days ago due to diabetic complications. Please be in prayer for salvation and quick recovery of Raul and Rosario.

**Visitors:**

We had two visitors from the USA during the first couple of weeks of December, Missionary Trent Granger and Brother Jonah Haas. The Grangers will be coming to Mexico in April, deputation is almost done for this missionary family. Brother Trent and Jonah came to prepare some things before their arrival. They were a blast to have around, brother Jonah was in the military for several years, we thank him for his service to our Lord and country. He is funny and full of contagious energy. We are all looking forward for the Grangers to come work alongside with us for the Glory of our Savior.

Itzen and I received a call from my Aunt Ruth Ann, she is my father's sister who lives in Alaska, she told me she is tired of the cold and wants to warm her bones in Mexico in February! I'm excited to see her. Very rarely do we get family come visit, we thank the Lord for the time we will have with her.

**Jardines de la Cruz Baptist Church,**

Early in 2025, this 45-year-old church requested our help. Their founding pastor went to be with the Lord 8 years ago. They have been without a pastor ever since. We began helping by sending some of our church leaders in rotation for preaching. The church is very thankful for the work that has been done to help. Recently missionary Salvador Lara began helping them in a big way, there is a possibility that he will be candidating for the pastoral position. If this happens, this will open a whole new door for our ministry both in church planting as well as for our Bible School.

This same church was hurt yet again last week; Sister Alma Perez de Jimenez, the widow of the founding pastor suffered a massive heart attack, she is now in the presence of our Lord. Brother Salvador Lara and I will be officiating the funeral service next Wednesday January 7th. Sister Alma was a special person in my life, she was my second-grade teacher and taught me some subjects in 3rd grade. I remember she worked extra hours to help me with Spanish grammar and Mexican history, she did this with all her students working along her husband Pastor Eduardo Jimenez in the ministry. I thank the Lord for her testimony and life. I am joyful, thanking the Lord for the resurrection of His saints for His Glory.

**Specific needs:**

The State of Jalisco in which we live, and minister has made severe new emission laws and only our 2015 Tahoe has passed. The church van will be given to another church out of state where it will continue to be used in the ministry. We need another church van that will pass the required emissions test. Our church has raised enough money for a downpayment, but financing is not given to churches in this country. We ask you to be in prayer together with us for the Lord's provision. After the month of April, we will only have one vehicle for all our ministerial and personal needs making things much harder for everyone. If you would like to give towards this need, please specify "for church van".

We love you all and pray for you continuously, our prayer is that the Lord will come soon for His Church and take us Home! Keep looking up!

In His service,  
The Shaw's in Mexico

