

Greetings from Guadalajara,

Our prayer is that this letter finds you well, growing in Christ daily, knowing that in every adversity and situation, we are always joyful in our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

**Personal:**

I want to thank God for my wife Itzen, He has given us the joy to celebrate our 21st wedding anniversary. Itzen is the most amazing person, a loving wife and mother who serves our Lord daily working alongside me in the ministry since the first day we married. It has been a privilege to do life with her.



My aunt Ruthann Kunnuk, my father's sister visited with us for a full month! We enjoyed her visit; she is such a hard worker! Having her reminded me so much of my dad. During her stay here the "El Mencho" drug dealer was killed in Tapalpa, a small, wooded community one hour from the city. This made for an interesting vacation trip for her. After leaving her at the airport to fly home, I left the parking lot with a knot in my throat, it was hard for me to say goodbye. I hope to see her again soon.

Update on mom: She is doing well; her diet has changed, and she has gained her normal weight back. Her mobility is good, although she is slow and cautious. As far as we know she is out of danger. Thanks for your prayers!

**Ministry:**

This past Sunday we had our church's homecoming, we had close to 80 people show up including 6 or 7 visitors. We had a wonderful time thanking the Lord for allowing us to have another year to serve him in this community. Although we would love to serve him for yet another year, our desire is that He will come to take us with Him before that. We keep looking up.

The youth ministry is picking up again! We are so excited to see the youth group grow. For a few years, our youth group had dwindled down to just a 2 or 3. It has been a privilege to see our Lord bring in new teens and see them grow and integrate themselves to the group, we currently have an average of 10 to 12 teenagers every other week. We are also happy to see the parents of these teens getting involved with the work.

We ask you to be in pray for a ministry van. Our current church van has over 300,000 miles on it and has seen better days. It is time we replace it, currently we have about 35% of the money we need. If you would like to give towards this church van, please contact our mission agency.

The church where brother Salvador Lara is serving continues under legal battle over the church property, we ask for your prayers, it seems as though it will be a very long legal procedure that might last years.

Please be in prayer for the Granger family. They are a missionary family who are coming next month to work together with our missionary team. We are looking forward to serving with them.

**Bible College:**

We have moved into the first finished building. The Bible Schools office and workspace has been moved to the recently finished building. The building we were at is still under construction, we came into a bit of a setback. The drainage system had not been connected to the city sewage; all waste was washing out the soil underneath the house creating a sink hole 4 foot deep and 8 foot in diameter. This caused severe structural problems that we are having to deal with. The hole has been filled temporarily, pray for this situation.

I thank the Lord for the ability that the Lord has given us through online tools to continue giving classes to our students. However, I do miss having the day school, I pray that the relaunch of the school will bring genuine God-fearing men who are eager to learn.

**Praise:**

Although we have so many things to praise our Lord for, we are very happy because our pastor and his wife together with a couple ladies from our sending church will be visiting with us at the end of May. We are excited they will get to come visit with us!

Thank you so much for taking your time to read our letter and thank you all for your continued prayers for the Lords ministry in Mexico.

In His service,  
Jerry & Itzen Shaw

