

Greetings from Guadalajara,

The Lord has done wonderful things over the last few months, both in our ministry and in the ministries of fellow missionaries who collaborate with us.

Summer Camp:
During the summer, we held a camp by the river with 41 campers, including members of our church and a few guests. Missionaries Salvador Lara, Moises Contreras, and Trent Granger joined us. The time of fellowship among brothers was a great blessing for all.

Vacation Bible School (VBS):
VBS took place at Salvador Lara's church, with Brother Granger and Pastor David Young working many hours to make it happen. Several children and youth group teenagers from our church attended and helped wherever they could. VBS was not only fun but also very edifying. Working with children is an important and honorable ministry. We pray that these children and teens may one day come to faith in Jesus Christ, repent, and accept the gift of grace.

Pastors Conference in Guanajuato:
This past September, missionary Victor Moreno and I had the opportunity to present our Bible College ministry at a pastors conference in the neighboring state of Guanajuato. We met about 60 pastors for the first time and are praying to build a fellowship with this group. We hope to promote our school in each of their churches in the coming years. Although the remodeling of our buildings is not yet finished, we are currently able to house a few students.

Bible School:
The fall semester is going well. Brothers Alexis Figueroa and Salvador Rodriguez have settled into the dorms as the first full-time students in over a year. We currently have 32 students enrolled this school year. Managing time has been challenging, balancing day and night classes and church services, leaving little time for personal activities. We are grateful for the help from other teachers and missionaries involved in the ministry.

Grace Baptist Church:
We celebrated Independence Day in September with joy and several guests. In October, the church voted in two new members: Eliseo Rangel and our daughter, Jada Shaw.

In recent months, two individuals have made professions of faith: Marta, a neighbor who has endured a difficult life including physical abuse from her adult children, and Leonel, a classmate of our daughter. Leonel's Catholic parents have forbidden him from attending church, but we continue to disciple him on Thursdays and Fridays. Please pray for Marta and Leonel, that the Lord would strengthen their faith and bring them comfort amid their struggles.

We have also started marriage counseling on Mondays with Miguel and Gloria, a couple new to the faith. They work in the street market near the Bible School. Please pray for them as the Lord guides them toward a new way of life.

Water Issues:
The state of Jalisco is facing a major water problem, with shortages and severe contamination. Some neighborhoods experience dark brown water with a sewage smell, and the city has been shutting off water in many areas. Our home and church are affected; last Sunday several members brought 5-gallon water jugs to help supply water for the restrooms. Protests about this crisis have been ongoing for weeks, and the situation does not seem to improve soon. Thankfully, the neighborhood around the Bible School has not been affected yet, and our family has been able to shower there when our home has no water. We are considering installing a water filtration system next year due to the poor water quality in our area.

Upcoming Furlough:
Due to the rising cost of living and ministry expenses, we need additional support. Lord willing, we plan to take a short furlough between June and November 2027. We ask for your prayers as we begin scheduling meetings with churches to raise support.
We love you all and thank you for partnering with us in the Lord's ministry here in Mexico.

In His service,
Itzen and Jerry Shaw









