

## April 2018 Sheppard's Newsletter from Mexico

Somehow so much has happened and there has been no report by this means for numerous months now. Christmas 2017 was wonderful in that Michael, Darling and Cyrus were here. We went for a few days to Acapulco and on Dec 23, returning from there we had an accident that left us without a vehicle for nearly 6 weeks. We had lots of opportunity to keep on believing for the unbelievable and receiving the impossible (*Jesse Duplantis*). **\*\*Here's the next generation stepping up to the plate ready to "play ball". (Michael & Cyrus)**

Our pastor from Coquitlam BC's Northside church, Pastor Barry Buzza wrote he'd like to come for a visit and minister with us in March. He came and we had a wonderful 8 days of



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both at the church and at a **graduation where two students received their Bachelor of Theology**. During this period Billy Graham's passing also rocked the world but caused much joy in heaven, we're sure. Because of this our involvement in a crusade in Canada, Rowene and I were involved in 2 Internet TV panel discussions.



We also had interviews on two occasions through the magazine ministry with several international Christian music groups and singers—one of these happened in our church. Our brother, Mauricio who does our life-streaming and videos filmed it and we had well over 5000 "hits" on the Ministry Facebook page from people watching it. It seems our different ministries are expanding electronically unbelievably too. We have been "live streaming" our services on Facebook for a whole year now and regularly we are receiving more and more reports of people watching from Canada to Argentina, and one night Rowene's cousin in Liberia, Africa, Daniel and Donna Davies, and my cousin Lowell and Kandi Sheppard in Japan were both on watching our transmission at the

same time. Recently, twice we've had over 300 and the 500 watching our Sunday services and 30-50 regularly even following our midweek prayer services. We are very grateful to the Lord for putting some very talented younger people with this kind of vision in our lives who are able to do such for us. We've just finished another trimester of Bible school classes where several of these younger brethren are using their talents to further future ministry by filming the classes we've been teaching. We're looking forward to using these videos to grow a harvest of students who live outside the city and can't attend our school in Puebla, but are hungry to serve the Lord and want to be better trained. Currently the videos are used by students primarily to catch up on classes they have missed or for review or inspirational purposes.

Just the other day I passed the one year mark after my back operation – I've gone from seemingly barely being able to walk to do pretty well of late, hardly using my cane on some days. We've published at least three more issues of our Christian Magazine since we last wrote you. It is also being carried now on a new digital format called [www.issu.com](http://www.issu.com) (a program like Facebook but for designed magazines) ([http://issuu.com/info.revistaalianza/docs/revista\\_alianza\\_abr-mayo\\_2018](http://issuu.com/info.revistaalianza/docs/revista_alianza_abr-mayo_2018)) – which means our magazine can be received on the cell phone format with much more ease – therefore we are receiving more readers as well the fact is we again able to publish more copies physically.

A miracle from the past is also happening on a couple of levels: **(1)** a precious couple who I re-met last year after not having seen the lady for 20 years are now more and more involved in our ministries because of certain skills the Lord gave them in the computer and publishing fields. When I travelled doing Bible school ministry in another city in 1996-98, she and her sister were in the classes I gave two and one half hours from Puebla. **(2)** Just this last week another miracle began



to happen as well. I was driving to church and a phone call came in from a man who over 20 years ago was a publisher-printer of our magazine. He suddenly phoned asking if we still published the magazine. I affirmed that we did. He'd somehow gotten a recent copy, went over details and said he'd like to give a quote. We've been struggling with prices rising and now his new quote is like a miracle from the past— several thousand pesos per issue less than our current press charges. WOW! Little things you never believe could happen, still do –

especially when you are in the center of God's will for your life. Rowene and I have been praying about letting go of some of the ministries in our lives and we'd thought that perhaps the magazine had fulfilled its purpose. As we were considering stopping printing, several younger, very capable people came along and said we can't let that happen. David is now in the process of passing the baton on to them and they are doing a great job. This has resulted in a much larger increased readers through the new electronic means of distribution. Praise you Jesus!



Our church is busy preparing to host perhaps more than a hundred children for a few hours of evangelism and love sharing. Every year in Mexico they celebrate "Children's day" on April 30. For 9 years in a row, we have invited many children and families to come and swim in the pool, play on the inflatable slides, eat, suck on popsicles, etc. and win prizes and candies. We always have time of sharing the Gospel and they are invited to give their lives to Jesus. You can **pray for us at FESTIKIDS 2018, April 28, from 11am to 3pm CST**, and then afterwards as we attempt to follow up and disciple those who prayed with us. Our temperatures are about 26-27 degree Celsius range every day here now.

Wow! All this happened, and really much more because we haven't the ability to share everything else as well. Heidi Baker was in Mexico, just south of Cuernavaca, for a couple of days recently so we went and were impacted by the hunger we saw there – I remember hearing stories from the early days of Trossachs Camp in southern Saskatchewan that matched what I saw happening at that open air campaign. Heaven came down as hungry people called on God and met with Him! **Pray for MEXICO that revival will sweep this Land.**

July 1 there are national elections in Mexico. We have 32 states, and with the different levels of gov't as well as the presidency at stake— there will be 500 people elected to office that day! **Help us to pray for that July 1 election please.** **The last Wed. evening of every month this year there is a national televised prayer meeting happening on EXPANDETV (internet TV) for two hours+ with the same prayer petition as its theme – revival and the elections.** They say that 400 to 500,000 people gather together this way to pray, as individuals and churches across the nation and from as far away as Columbia. Our church is one of those churches that comes together to help make up that number.





Monday April 23, starts another trimester of Logos Bible school classes. Pray for Gerald Nygren and myself as we teach a growing number of students week by week from 5:30 pm to 9 pm Monday evenings in our Logos University (Rowene has just

finished teaching for 2 trimesters and will take a break until Aug. 27 when we start up after summer break. ISOM classes by DVD are offered simultaneously as well. There is also an ISOM school in Oaxaca and another in Tezuitlan working in coordination with us. **Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will raise up more and more laborer to reach this great nation and then go on to the rest of the world with the Good News that JESUS SAVES, HEALS AND SETS FREE those who will come to Him.**



ISOM- Lights are on upstairs; numerous vehicles- UCLogos students downstairs



Thanks so much for your support and many prayers for us.

If you're not a partner, we invite you to become a one, both in prayer and in financial support. We are open to your questions. Our home church can answer any questions as to our income and work, as well as many who have come to visit and minister with us can. **We are good ground in which to sow seeds that will bring forth a harvest.** At times we do grow tired as we push on, attempting to follow Jesus leading and depending on His anointing to do it. **Our home church in Coquitlam channels any funds you might feel led to give us. We depend in faith for the Lord's provision on a day- by- day and month- by- month basis.** The churches



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Serving Jesus in MEXICO,

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*(now in our 36<sup>th</sup> year serving the Lord in Latin America)*

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