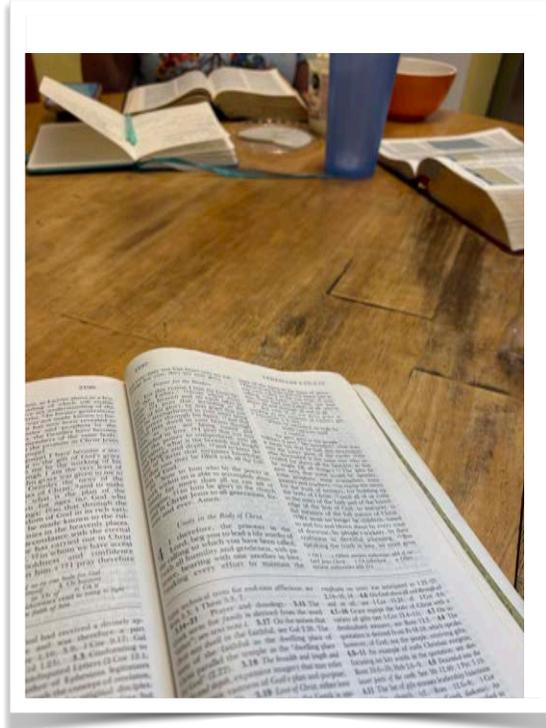


# Guadalajara

Song of Solomon 8:5



## Family and Friends,

### Hello from Guadalajara, Mexico!

Bogart and I touched down January 24, just in time to escape the dreaded snowfall in North Carolina! Bogart is an expert traveler and he behaved excellently on our flight down here! Because of the weather we encountered so much turbulence, the plane hardly felt stable and he slept for almost the whole flight. He didn't bark or whine once and he didn't leave his bag though he had every opportunity to because he was on the two empty seats beside me with the flap of his bag wide open but he never once left his little shelter. Once we landed he had to have all of his documents checked and go through an inspection and everyone fell in love with him, some of them even took pictures with him. He's such a sweet little guy!!

I didn't enjoy the flight at all but I was very happy that he wasn't rattled by it. When we arrived at the airport my friend Claudia was there to greet us. She came from another city here in Mexico about 4.5 hours away to spend the weekend and a few days with Bogart and I. Claudia, her husband Gerardo and I have been forming a friendship and partnership over the past



### Sherika and Claudia!

My friend Claudia flew to Guadalajara to welcome me to Mexico



### YES!!!

A new variation of soul food!! Carne en su Jugo is one of my favorite dishes!!



### Oh Bogart

This little guy is adjusting very well to life in Mexico!!

6 months. We met while I was here in Guadalajara in July and our communication has been through texts and video calls via Google Translate. They are the Pastors of Casa de Dios, Queretaro in Queretaro, Mexico about 4.5 hours from Guadalajara. Monday-Friday they host a 5am devotional via zoom and since joining them in November I have become the teacher of the Bible study. As hard as it is to get up each morning, I LOVE teaching! It is my absolute pleasure and joy!!!! We completed 1 Kings in January right before I moved here and we are currently in 2 Kings. Teaching the books of the Old Testament is one of my favorite things! I feel like it helps to keep my brain sharp and reminds me daily to be thankful for the blood of Jesus!!

I'm also looking forward to getting back into the flow of singing on a worship team and eventually leading worship and to my delight, I get to do it while Serving with Karyn, one of the most yielded worship leaders that I know!! She understands that worship is not a performance and it is done for the audience of 1. I have learned so much from her over the years about purity of the Spirit and how that



makes room for God's presence to come in a greater way! I am looking forward to learning more!!

I am also on the schedule to teach classes at FIRE School Mexico and my heart is in great anticipation of that. I don't teach every week but I still attend each week and the students have a strong desire for God and His presence. I've also started mentoring three of the young ladies who attend the school and I'm looking forward to seeing what God will do there as well.

Please continue to pray for us as we serve the Lord in Mexico. Love, Sherika and Bogart

#### THANK YOU FIRST BAPTIST GAFFNEY AND FIRE CHURCH!!!!

I was commissioned and sent once again!!! This time, not just by FIRE Church but also by the local church that I serve at and attend. I have been a member of FBC-Gaffney since December 2022 and they have been such a blessing in my life, a constant place of healing and support! People who are filled with love, kindness and care! A very solid and supportive ministry team. Numerous opportunities to serve God with all of your heart, plenty of room to grow and bloom where you're planted. I was covered by prayer during both services and my goodness I felt so loved! I attended FIRE Church the next Sunday and Pastor Chris, Dr. Peters and Miss Tobi encouraged me in the Lord, prayed for me and sent me off with joy! I couldn't ask for more support from my missions directors and spiritual parents! I am one blessed woman ;)

