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## News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

Here in Mexico, October is United Nations month and included in the school curricula is learning about other countries and their cultures and customs. In our Christian school as well as our church it is missions month. As our children and young people learn of great missionaries of the past, our hope is that some of them will form part of the growing number of Mexican Christians answering the call to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Thank you for your prayers for our trip to San Pedro del Rosal for the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and the ordination of the pastor's nephew, Kiler de Jesús. Mt. Moriah has several missions, and they are working with three language groups: Mazahua, Mixe, and Otomí. Three of the missions were present at the anniversary, and one of the assistant pastors, Joel, spoke for a few minutes in Otomí, giving a welcome to the group from his mission. What a joy it is to see what the Lord is doing in this area where the gospel first entered under great persecution some 60 years ago!

Thank you also for your continued prayers for Molino de Camoú and Mazatán. The brethren have now roofed the church building in Molino and have now finished pouring the floor. Their numbers have also increased, and it is an encouragement to see what the Lord is doing in this town. Mazatán, on the other hand, has become increasingly hardened to the gospel. Recently, a new priest came into town who is prohibiting the town folk from coming to the mission, and apparently some of the town leaders are involved in drug trafficking and are adversely affecting the young people.

The Lord continues to bless in the Tres Reinas mission. Several of our church ladies visit faithfully during the week, and a good group of adults and teens go on Sunday mornings to minister in music, children's classes, and the church service. There are several adults who are beginning to attend faithfully each Sunday. This Friday the school children had a day off, and we had two-day missions trips at the Institute, so we visited Tres Reinas on Thursday and had an activity on Friday. About 80 children and 10 adults showed up for the Bible club activity. Please continue praying for all three missions, that the Lord would be glorified and give wisdom for working in each town and neighborhood.

In September, several church members began a Bible club in their neighborhood, Universitario. Each week there are new professions of faith and good attendance. This summer in VBS a young teenager from that neighborhood was saved, and each week he brings more of his family and friends to the club as well as attending our church services regularly. Please pray for this new Bible club as well as the club in Piedra Bola.

September was the month of earthquakes and hurricanes. On September 7 an 8.2 earthquake hit off the coast of Chiapas (close to Guatemala) with almost 9,000 aftershocks to date. On September 19, the

anniversary of the destructive 1985 earthquake, a 7.1 hit near Mexico City, also causing extensive damage. We just learned that one of the churches in Cuernavaca we visited in June has been condemned. Please pray for the brethren and Pastor Arturo Sotelo as they make plans to rebuild on another piece of property. At that same time, we were also keeping an eye on Irma, that passed north of Puerto Rico (where our oldest son Ben and his family live) and made its way all the way up Florida and past, bringing rains into the Georgia/South Carolina area where Jon, Rachel and their families live. Then came Maria. Puerto Ricans now date events as “before Maria” or “after Maria” since it left a lush green island brown and bare, with no power grid, roads and bridges washed out, and many buildings either partially or completely destroyed. Puerto Rico, as well as other islands, suffered great destruction, and we ask you to continue praying for them as they have a long way to go in the rebuilding process. Lizzy, child number three, lives in Costa Rica, and she also experienced winds and water in the form of Tropical Storm Nate. The church where they minister is in a low area and had some flooding, and continued rains during this season have caused mudslides to be a big concern.

Please continue to pray for the Institute and our students and faculty. We are praying for several new students to arrive in January, and also for a good group of prospective students to attend our Friendship Days, January 31-February 2. Thank you for praying about the needed repair of the roof of the girls’ dormitory; the Lord provided and we were able to get it fixed.

In these last few weeks, two dear saints have gone home to be with the Lord. María Elena Cantú de Silva, aunt of one of our church members and charter member of Bethany Bible Church here in Hermosillo, passed away last week. As the Lord used María Elena in life, He continues to use her death to reach her relatives and others who knew her. This week our dear brother in Christ and longtime friend, Pastor Floyd Rogers, also reached his heavenly home. Pastor Rogers and his church have ministered not only to many missionaries and others who have visited them but have also had an active part in the Institute ministry, both in giving great expository teaching to our students, as well as supporting many student work scholarships and giving other special offerings. Please pray for the Silva Cantú family, the Rogers family, and both church families.

May the Lord continue to bless and use you for His glory. Thank you so much for your prayers for Mexico, the church and Institute ministries, and our family.

In Christ in Mexico,

Ron and Jackie