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## News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

A verse that comes to mind as we consider the events of the summer months is Psalm 89:1: "I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." This summer we saw God's mercy and faithfulness both at home and in our travels. In mid-June we made our way south to Jiutepec, Morelos, to give classes to area pastors and a youth conference on Saturday. Jackie accompanied me and was able to participate in the youth conference as well as give three sessions in the evenings to the ladies from the participating churches. The Lord blessed the meetings and, as a result of the classes, we have more pastors taking the post-grad classes the Institute offers online.

We returned to Hermosillo in time for graduations on all levels of our K-12. Eleven little ones graduated from kindergarten, four from elementary school, six from junior high, and four from high school. Please keep our schools in your prayers; we need God's work of grace in the lives of each student, teacher, and parent. We also took advantage of the summer months to reorganize the schools, changing personnel in some cases and spreading out responsibilities in others.

Mid-July we headed north to visit churches and family, traveling over 4,000 miles to four different states to visit and give reports at seven different churches. God's mercy and faithfulness were evident as we traveled those miles without car problems of any sort. What a joy it was to see familiar faces in our supporting churches as well as meet brothers and sisters in Christ we hadn't known previously! During our time out we were able to participate also in a couples' activity at the Hispanic ministry of Front Range Baptist in Ft. Collins and in a week of VBS at Grace Baptist in Kansas. As to family, we were able to spend time with Jackie's sister and family, several of her cousins, and two aunts. Also, we were able to meet up with my mom and sisters in Flagstaff, Arizona, after our last meeting, and our youngest, Rachel, and her husband Gabriel flew in to surprise Grandma! The Lord truly gave us a time of refreshing and recharging our batteries before heading into the next school year.

Classes began on the K-12 level August 21 and at the Institute on August 29. There are approximately 75 total, with our largest group in the high school. In the Institute we currently have 35 full-time students, seven of whom are new, and six part-time students. Please pray for Rosario Aragón from Navojoa, Sonora; Daniel Colorado and his wife Inés from Navolato, Sinaloa; Edgar López from here in Hermosillo; Keren Luna from Tampamolón, San Luis Potosí; and Mariel Pérez from Tizayuca, Hidalgo; as well as the rest of the student body, that the Lord might be honored and glorified in their lives and that they might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also, please pray for more students to enroll second semester and for the Lord's provision for the financial needs of the Institute. We need approximately 50 students enrolled full-time in order to cover the basic costs of teacher salaries,

utilities, and maintenance, and are currently looking at a major repair needed on the roof of the newer building.

Coming up at the end of September is a trip to San Pedro del Rosal in the state of Mexico for the anniversary of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Institute graduate Tomás de Jesús is being greatly used by God to raise a strong work—church, Christian school, and Bible institute—in the town his parents had to flee years ago because of persecution for being Christians. Please pray for Tomás and other graduates who are serving in parts of Mexico where persecution is very real and getting run out of villages and towns by machete-wielding inhabitants is not a rare occurrence.

Please continue praying for the missions in Molino de Camoú, Mazatán, and Tres Reinas. Bro. Luis Miranda heads up the first two, and a good group of our church members participate in the ministry in Tres Reinas. A property was donated for the church in Molino, and the members of the mission are constructing a building and are now ready to put on the roof. Please pray for the believers in each mission to be built up in Christ and for abundant, lasting fruit in each of these areas.

Please include these prayer requests also: the salvation of Daniel and Blanca, discouraged members to return to church, and for growth in the lives of our church members.

Thank you for your prayers for the ministries of Emanuel Baptist Church and Ebenezer Bible Institute and Seminary. May God's mercy and faithfulness in your life be the theme of your songs of praise!

In Christ in Mexico,

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