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A year of furlough and then embarking on TEAM Mobile Seminary throughout Latin America

As we near our furlough, which begins on June 4, we have shared with many individuals and churches our plans for the upcoming years. During 2018-2019, we will be reporting to our supporting churches and visiting new churches to share how the Lord has been using the Wokaty family in Mexico, as well as sharing how the Lord is directing us for future ministry throughout Latin America. After our year of furlough, we will implement TEAM Mobile Seminary, which will be a change for us geographically regarding our base of operations and where we will be traveling for ministry. This new ministry focus, however, will allow us to broaden the type of ministry that we have been involved in since arriving in Mexico in 2001, which is accomplishing Great Commission church planting through investing in the lives of our Hispanic brethren whom the Lord has called to the ministry.

The plan. TEAM Mobile Seminary will assist pastors in Spanish-speaking Latin America who wish to train their own people but are not sure where to begin. The plan will help national pastors accomplish training their countrymen without the need of multiple resident full-time missionaries, and without limiting the training to nationals who travel to the U.S. to acquire training.

We will be working with these national pastors as a TEAM to provide the steps to:

- **T**rain the trainers (or, equip the pastors to be teachers) by
- **E**quipping the coordinator (the key pastor who can work as facilitator for the group training) to
- **A**ccess the theological education available (through visiting pastors, teachers, missionaries; and the online courses, programs and tools) and
- **M**anage the resources to create a theological and ministerial institution directed to serve the local churches (by helping the pastors with sample curricula, pedagogical aids, and guidance).

Dan will travel to areas of Latin America where he has been contacted by pastors from sister ministries asking for assistance in theological training (for themselves, their young people, or both). The trips will last approximately one week. On each trip, he will travel with a pastor from the U.S. The pastor will provide a sample block course corresponding to his proficiency and provide guidance and input from his ministry experience. Dan will serve as interpreter, trainer, assessor and facilitator of the **TEAM** program. Traveling with pastors from the U.S. will allow them to further encourage churches regarding global missions, will provide accountability, and will give churches in the U.S. the opportunity to adopt the TEAM trip that their pastor and Dan take as part of the church's missions trip opportunities.

After assessing the needs of the ministries that we visit, Dan will offer the national pastors the options that correspond to the level of training they wish to obtain. He will include a plan that provides steps towards reaching those goals regarding further theological training for themselves and for those in their churches who are called to the ministry. Upon returning to the U.S., Dan will continue to provide any follow-up that the pastors may need. At this point, if a follow-up visit is necessary, he will plan another visit to that area in Latin America with another U.S. pastor.

Our base of operations will be Greenville, SC, starting with furlough in June and continuing from there. This addresses appropriate concerns for the well-being and safety of our family as Dan travels, provides stability to our family regarding residence and home education of our children, allows us to visit and work with the U.S. churches of the pastors traveling with Dan, provides accountability for us, and Hispanic ministry with our sending church (Iglesia Bautista de la Fe) when we are not traveling. Although this will be a geographical change, the ministry of Great Commission church planting through training and strengthening nationals remains the same. This change allows us to expand the ministry of Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary (IPES), and extends one of Dan's responsibilities under MGMI as Coordinator of Extended Theological Education.

IPES has uploaded over thirty Master of Ministry courses, and their Master's degree in Teaching Bible program was geared from its beginning to be an online program. The advancement of the programs at IPES, their upcoming 50th anniversary of the college on May 24, 2019, and the level of spiritual, academic, and theological maturity in their faculty led us to discern the Lord's leading. He has led us to take what we've learned and accomplished by God's grace and apply that on a broader scale so that we can be of help to others in Latin America for the expansion of the Lord's kingdom.

For more information about TEAM Mobile Seminary, a ministry of MGMI, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/team.mobile.seminary/> or our website at <http://teammobileseminary.com/>.

The privilege of being ministered to by someone you've trained for ministry

Bible conference at Emanuel Baptist Church was April 2-5. One of the two main preachers for the week was IPES grad Adán Hernandez. Adán and his wife were students of ours. This was not the first time we have had the privilege of hearing a former student preach, but it was the latest reminder of the privilege that we have had over many years of training those who are now faithful in the ministry.

Prayer requests

1. **Graduation at IPES**, which will be on May 25. Apart from the undergrad students, one former student of ours will graduate with her master's degree in practical theology.
2. **Preparation for furlough**. There is a tremendous amount of work to get ready for furlough. Much of it includes finishing certain responsibilities here in Mexico.

The Family Corner—Birthdays! In April, Abby turned "sweet sixteen." Opal had her birthday as well in April. May 7 is Anna's 18th birthday, and May 11 is Damaris's 11th birthday. May is also the month that Anna and Abby are scheduled to have their braces removed!

Current level of promised support: 79%

Note: If you are receiving our newsletters by "snail mail" and would prefer to receive them by email, please send us a quick note at dwokaty@mgmi.org to let us know.

Thank you for your prayers!

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