

# The Wokaty Family

Missionaries to Hermosillo, Sonora MEXICO

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**Theological Books!** Training institutions need solid books for research and study. Last year, a team from one of our supporting churches, Northwest Valley Baptist Church in Arizona, came down to help at the college and noticed our need for more theological books. The youth group from the church followed up with a Christmas gift of new books and then provided an extremely generous VBS offering that went towards buying theological books for our undergrad and seminary. We are grateful for this generous investment in helping future pastors and missionaries in Mexico prepare to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

**Costa Rica Trip.** Dan and Dr. Dave Shumate traveled to Costa Rica the last week of July to provide sample courses and workshops to pastors and Bible school graduates. They had a great time of fellowship with the pastors and church leaders in the conference as well as in the churches where they preached. Twenty-nine people attended the conference. Ivan Villalobos, husband of former MGMI missionary Lizzy Cochran, coordinated the conference. To offer continued opportunity for equipping for ministry, Dan walked the men through how to take advantage of Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary's online program for pastors. The nature of this trip was similar to future opportunities that Dan will be taking to travel to Latin American countries. Pastors throughout Latin America have been asking for assistance in further training as they pastor, as well as assistance in training young people within their churches who sense the Lord's calling to the ministry.

**Ministering as a Family/Kid Missionaries.** The summer allowed us many different and unique opportunities for ministry in July. We attended Iglesia Bautista Emanuel's youth camp, which allowed our three oldest kids to be campers. While there, Opal taught the young ladies' daily Bible class and Dan led the daily Bible study class with the teen guys as well as preached several times during chapel and the services. It was an encouragement for us that week to listen to the many messages presented by Pastor Steve Rubio, who is not only pastor of The Evangelical Baptist Church in Phoenix, AZ, but was also a student at Ebenezer Bible College when we arrived as missionaries to Hermosillo in 2001.

Although our youngest child was not an official camper, she did attend our church's VBS. Our son Daniel was at VBS as well, but as a twelve-year-old helper! Our family had a unique ministry opportunity later in July when, because of different circumstances, we were the only workers who were at the kids' club where we minister on Saturdays. This gave our kids the opportunity to be the ones in charge of the songs and my wife in charge of the lesson and other activities. These opportunities are small reminders that we arrived on the field as a missionary couple with a baby and have found ourselves to be a family of missionaries now, by God's grace.

**Prayer Request: Upcoming Courses.** On August 21, students begin to arrive for our upcoming academic school year which begins with classes on August 29. On August 31, we begin the next course of our Master's degree in Teaching Bible program. From January 8-12, Dr. Dave Shumate will teach New Testament Theology, our next block course for our Master of Ministry program. Please pray for all the faculty as we get ready for yet another year of training men and women for ministry, as well as further equipping pastors who are already in ministry yet see the need for ongoing training (2 Timothy 2:2).

Thank you for your prayers!  
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