

# The Wokaty Family

Missionaries with TEAM Mobile Seminary

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**MAY 2019. Report on Dan's trip to Mexico.** On May 20, Dan flew to Phoenix, and the next morning caught a ride to Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, with Dr. Dave Shumate to attend the activities of Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary's ("IPES") graduation and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. On our trip down, we were joined by or bumped into, about a dozen others who were heading down for the graduation.

On May 21, we arrived in time to attend IPES' Sacred Concert. Coordinating this concert used to be one of Dan's responsibilities at IPES, and it was a blessing to simply sit and enjoy the concert! The following day was the baccalaureate service, with former IPES director Dr. Bacilio Alfaro preaching. Afterwards, we enjoyed a sweet time of fellowship with those who would graduate that week as well as with graduates from all five decades who had arrived for the week's celebration. The graduation banquet was held on May 23, with former director Dr. Keith Huhta preaching. One of the highlights of the banquet was the retiring of IPE's first shield, or logo, and the presentation of IPES' new logo (which included the "S" which stands for the seminary department that was added a few years ago).

May 24 was graduation. During the ceremony, graduates from IPES' first graduations shared testimonies. Dr. Dick Mercado, one of the founders of IPES, gave his congratulatory address via a video recording, and Dr. Shumate preached. As part of the ceremony, Dan turned the seminary dean position over to the capable hands of Wesley Barley. This transition allows Dan to focus on developing trips throughout Latin America to help national pastors get more training and to help them train their countrymen. We are grateful to the Lord for the eight who graduated that day, which included José de Jesús Valadez, a dedicated pastor in Aguascalientes, who earned his Master of Ministry degree. The ceremony ended that evening with a group picture of not only the faculty and 2019 graduates but included the at least eighty IPES graduates who attended that day to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness.

Dan spent his last full day in Hermosillo, Sunday, May 25, at Emanuel Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, pastored by Dr. Ron Cochran, who is also the current director of IPES). That day, Dan was able to sit that under the preaching of a former student of his, Isaac Luna, as the church celebrated their thirty-seventh anniversary.

**The Family Corner.** In May, Rose, our youngest child, turned 12, and Anna, our oldest, turned 19! Anna finished her second semester at college and is working this summer doing graphic design. Regarding family updates, Dan's parents celebrated 50 years of marriage on May 30!

Thank you for your prayers!

Dan, Opal, Anna, Abby, Daniel and Rose Wokaty  
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