



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: April 2018

At a Glance

Updates

January

- (David) Taught a course in New Testament Theology at Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary
- (Linda) Beginning of spring Semester at Arrowhead Christian Academy
- David began teaching a new course (for him), New Testament Introduction.
- Board meeting of MGMI

February

- MGMI Annual Staff Conference
- Herbster Evangelistic team at The Evangelical Baptist Church in Phoenix
- (David) Board meeting of the Foundations Baptist Fellowship, International

March

- (David) Visit to northwest Georgia to develop Hispanic church plant headed by MGMI Mexican missionary, Roberto Diaz
- Joanna did a great job in several music and speech categories at the Christian Schools of Arizona annual competition
- Easter evangelistic campaign at The Evangelical Baptist Church, Phoenix, saw dozens of people open to hear the Gospel message.

Prayer Requests

- Completion of paperwork and immigration approval for Roberto Diaz to minister in Georgia
- Continued support needs for MGMI missionaries and for the team holding the ropes in Phoenix
- Discernment to select among the multitude of ministry opportunities and projects

Ministry Spotlight: The Evangelical Baptist Church

An essential part of our ministry is our bilingual, Hispanic church in Phoenix. MGMI is a ministry that seeks to support the work of local churches and that seeks to pass the baton of the Great-Commission responsibility to Hispanic and Latin American churches. Our participation in our home church here in Phoenix is, therefore, a vital part of what we do. The church is blessed by godly leadership, with Pastor Steve Rubio and Assistant Pastor Luis Torres. These men and their wives are all graduates of IPES, and they have developed in their ministry leadership over the past seven or eight years. It is a blessing to see how both they and the church are maturing and developing a role of leadership among Hispanic churches in the United States. As the mission field changes, so does the role of missionaries. Our family participates in and supports the work of this autonomous Hispanic church. This includes Linda's ministry with the three to five-year old's and Joanna's work with the children's choir. Both also participate in the choir and regularly play the piano for the services. Because of my travel schedule, my participation is more intermittent; however, I continue to teach in the English Sunday School and provide emergency pulpit supply (sometimes at the last minute). Although hard to quantify, the privilege that the Lord has given me of interacting with my pastor has been very rewarding. He is pursuing graduate training at

IBCS, and this gives me the opportunity to contribute to his further development as a leader, as well as to work through issues in the local ministry. Please pray for the church. As you know, local church ministry is in a spiritual battle, with many challenges to go along with the many rewards. Please intercede with the Lord on our behalf that we would be humble before Him, strong in His grace and discerning in His service.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and support.

Your servants,

The Shumates (David, Linda, Mary and Joanna)