



MGM International
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News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: December 2019

At a Glance

Updates and Praises

- Daughter Mary married to Dustin Kleeberger
- Teaching/preaching trips in Greenville, Denver, and Hermosillo
- Immigration approvals for two MGMI Mexican missionaries to the United States

Prayer Requests

- Discipleship opportunities
- Wisdom about ministry priorities in the great press of opportunities
- Provision for upcoming travel opportunities
- For safety and effective ministry for our MGMI missionaries and their partners in Mexico and elsewhere
- Personal support

Upcoming

- Ministering at a Hispanic church in Tucson, AZ (December 28)
- New semester teaching at International Baptist College and Seminary (Old Testament Theology and Historical Theology)
- Ministry trip to Uruguay (February)
- MGMI Staff Conference in Greenville, SC (March)

On the Home Front

Dave continues to have many opportunities to teach and preach. He taught a block class at Bob Jones University and preached at conferences in Denver and Hermosillo. It is a great privilege to encourage other believers by sharing the truths of God's Word.

Linda is having the opportunity to learn more about the financial procedures at the MGMI office with two goals in mind: First, to draft a procedural manual, and second, to be of assistance to the financial manager, Gail, if the need should arise.

We are happy to share with you that the visa applications for our two Mexican national pastors serving here in the States were both approved. The paperwork for these approvals took up a great deal of staff time, and we praise God for a good result. Roberto and Josefina Diaz were granted a visa extension so that they can continue to minister in Dalton, Georgia. Marco and

Ana Zapien were granted permission to return from Culiacán, Mexico, to their church in Fort Collins, Colorado. Please pray that God would bless these two Hispanic ministries.

The Iglesia Evangélica Bautista

One of the great joys of our ministry with MGMI is our part at the *Iglesia Evangélica Bautista* (The Evangelical Baptist Church). This is the church that was founded by the father of Dr. Dick Mercado in 1930 and that birthed MGMI. Our current pastor, Steve Rubio, has blossomed into a wonderful shepherd and preacher. Linda continues to work in the music ministry, and David has been helping the church in developing leadership in the areas of discipleship and administration. Please pray for the church that the Lord would be exalted through its position of influence among Hispanic and Latin American churches.

Family News

Our daughter Mary married her sweetheart Dustin Kleeberger. Four pastors participated (both fathers and both of their pastors). A large bridal party testified to their relationship orientation with family and friends. A large attendance showed that this young couple have already touched many lives. They are currently living and working at IBCS, and we are praying that the Lord would direct them as they grow together in service for Him.

Upcoming Travel

David will be traveling several times in the next few months. We will be spending some time on the East Coast for the MGMI Staff Conference. We are grateful for Faith Baptist Church in Greenville for letting us use their facilities for our staff meeting.

David is also scheduled to teach in Uruguay, as well as a trip tentatively planned to Tamazunchale, Mexico. One of the blessings of being empty nesters is that Linda is finally free to do more traveling with him. Most of David's foreign travel expenses are not covered by the ministries he is traveling to because they simply don't have the resources. When he accepts an engagement, he prays for available funds and a good price on the airline ticket. Please join us in praying that Linda would be able to join him in his future traveling opportunities as well. It is an even greater joy to minister together.