



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: July 2018

At a Glance

Updates and Praises

May

- David and Linda finished their respective semesters teaching at IBCS and ACA
- Joanna Graduated from ACA.

June

- David taught and preached for a week on Eschatology at the Alfa and Omega Institute in Chapulhuacan, Mexico.
- David attended the Foundations Baptist Fellowship annual meeting in Troy, Michigan
- David taught for ten days in Mexico on how to preach and teach from the Old Testament.
- Linda was able to spend some very encouraging time with her sister on a Grand Canyon/Colorado River trip.
- Joanna participated in two mission trips, one to help a Hispanic church in Kansas and one as part of a work team to IPES (the Bible college in Hermosillo, Mexico)

July

- Linda and David worked in the VBS at our home church in Phoenix
- Mary continues to serve this summer at Grandview Camp (Arizona)

Prayer Requests

- Received a request from Immigration for more evidence for Roberto Diaz to minister in Georgia. Please pray for the Lord's guidance.
- Development of new courses in the fall and spring at International Baptist College and Seminary
- Recently lost some personal support (currently at approximately 70% of full support). The Lord has opened some additional opportunities for David to visit with pastors and churches.
- Pray for Joanna as she attends International Baptist College in the fall.
- Also pray for Mary, who plans to stay with us at home and earn funds to continue her studies.

Ministry Spotlight: Teaching Ministry in Mexico

Psalm 107:1: *O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.*

One of the greatest privileges that the Lord gives us is the opportunity to have a part in the preparation of current and future leaders for the Hispanic Harvest. In June I was able to teach in two locations in Mexico. The first was at the Alpha and Omega Bible Institute in the mountains about seven hours north of Mexico City. Alpha and Omega is headed by an old friend, Benito Hernandez. The scene is very pastoral, with cows, goats and chickens sharing the property with students and staff. Many students, Christian workers and fellow believers attended a weeklong conference on the theme of Eschatology. The other scheduled speaker was not able to come due to health problems, so Pastor Benito and I divided the extra teaching load. The attendees showed a great hunger for the subject matter, and it was a joy to reconnect with fellow servants in the ministry as well as make new friends. The last day was highlighted by the Institute graduation, which was a tremendous blessing.

On the way back to Mexico City to return to the States, I spent the night with a dear couple who are graduates of the Bible college in Hermosillo. They are doing a fine work, and the Lord has abundantly blessed their efforts, providing a solid group of believers and a fine facility. The next morning, I was privileged to speak at a men's meeting on leadership lessons from Moses' striking the rock at Kadesh. That afternoon I left from Mexico City and, after an overnight stay in Dallas, flew to Detroit and had a wonderful time at the Foundations Baptist Fellowship annual meeting.

After a day and a half at home in Phoenix I flew back to Mexico City, this time to take a bus to the city of Cuernavaca to teach a group of pastors for a week on the theme of how to preach and teach from the Old Testament. The classes were organized by longtime colleagues in the ministry, Vic and Joyce LaBelle. In addition to giving around twenty hours of instruction, I was privileged to preach the Word nine times. Between sessions, the host pastor, Pastor Lucas, showed me a media room that he is developing to help present and future pastors further their training. He is very interested in working together with our ministry and to use the available technology. One morning we tried out our video conferencing software to converse with Dan Wokaty, MGMI team member who is starting the TEAM Mobile Seminary ministry to help meet these theological training needs in Latin America. In addition, a week later, I was able to teach an additional lesson to this group of pastors from home using the same technology. I am looking forward both to returning and to providing materials online. Please pray for this opportunity in Cuernavaca. They have the most basic quality for successful theological training—the desire! However, they need help with materials, organization and equipment. If you have an interest in getting involved with this and similar ministries, please contact us so that we can discuss possibilities. Please also pray that the Lord would advance this work.

An example of the Lord's "extra" blessings—it turns out that the wedding of Johnny Aguilar (son of MGMI team members Jacinto and Rebecca) with the daughter of Pastor Hernandez was scheduled during my week in Cuernavaca. The time of fellowship and rejoicing was great

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and support for us and for the ministry of MGMI.

Your servants,
The Shumates (David, Linda, Mary and Joanna)



2018 Graduates, Alfa y Omega
Bible Institute



First Baptist Church of Tizayuca
(Pastor Ismael Jaimes Morales)



Johnny Aguilar/Hephziba Hernandez Wedding