



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: November 2018

The last few months have been full of travels, ministry and blessing. Among the many encouragements, the Lord has allowed us to renew and strengthen our partnerships with our partner churches and sister institutions as well as forge some new friendships. This is crucial to the work that we do, because as Paul taught the Philippians, the Great Commission is driven forward by partnership between churches and believers.

Updates

August

- David attended a pastors' retreat in Ohio and got to know some wonderful, dedicated servants of the Lord with a heart for missions.
- David spoke at Grace Church of Mentor, Ohio. He was particularly impressed with the culture of outreach and discipleship that pervades everything that they do.
- David and Linda began a new school year at International Baptist College and Seminary and Arrowhead Christian Academy.

September

- David preached at the Help and Hope conference in Williston, North Dakota. This was his first-ever trip to North Dakota and its shale oil field, a place of great spiritual need and opportunity and also a growing Hispanic population.
- David preached at a youth conference and for Sunday services at a Hispanic church in San Carlos, California. The identification, motivation, preparation and deployment of Hispanic youth is crucial for the advancement of the Gospel in the American Hispanic population, which now numbers over sixty million.

October

- David participated in the Global Opportunities Week at Bob Jones University along with MGMI missionaries Dan Wokaty and Wesley Barley.
- David participated in and spoke at a mission's conference at Harvest Baptist Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- David spoke at a pastor's fellowship in Ohio.
- David and Linda participated in the missions conference of our sending church, Faith Baptist Church, in Taylors, South Carolina. This conference was just a couple of weeks before Faith celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of ministry. The week was very poignant as we remember how the Lord has used so many people to reach, prepare and deploy us in His mission work. We truly have a debt of gratitude to a host of God's servants.

November

- David participated in a summit of mission agency leaders held in the Phoenix area to further cooperation in specific ministry areas. A couple of specific ideas came out of the meeting, including the development of some voluntary, cooperative benchmarking of theological curriculum and programs in Latin America.

Praises

- Roberto Diaz and his family received their visas and have arrived in Georgia to begin ministering to the Hispanic Community in the Dalton area.
- We have received an indication from a solid church that they are planning to take us on for support.
- We have built some wonderful new partnerships in the ministry through recent travels.
- The Evangelical Baptist Church completed much needed “sprucing up” of the church facilities, and we had a wonderful rededication of ourselves and the facilities to the Lord and His Commission. We thank the Lord that this Hispanic church, which birthed MGMI, has remained faithful to the Lord and His Word for eighty-eight years. (See picture below.)
- Joanna is adjusting well to her studies and ministry opportunities at International Baptist College.
- Mary has found part-time employment and transportation as she has taken a year off of school to work on her school bills and develop skills in graphic design.

Prayer Requests

- The Wesley Barley family as they conclude their deputation in preparation to serve at Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary.
- Dan Wokaty as he rolls out the TEAM Mobile Seminary and for us as we coordinate with that ministry for the development of theological training in Latin America.
- For the development of a Hispanic Youth Ministry team as we seek to be used by God to prepare and send forth laborers from among the millions of bilingual, bicultural Hispanic youth.
- For an increase in our personal support and that of the MGMI *General Ministry* operations.
- For strength and health as the extensive travels from June through October have presented a challenge for us in keeping up with our regular responsibilities.
- For wisdom as we are evaluating taking responsibility for a church-planting project in California led by one of our Ebenezer graduates.

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



The Evangelical Church Rededication Service