



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: February 2019

At a Glance

Updates and Praises

- Visited a prospective new missionary, a graduate of IPES, who has been pastoring a small mission in California.
- Taught a one-week block class for IBCS on Exposition of the Minor Prophets to students who were both on campus and online. Our son Stephen was one of the students.
- Began the new semester at IBCS, where David will be teaching two courses.
- Visited Colorado, where he presented the ministry in two churches and spoke at a retreat for pastors and their wives. Attendees were from Colorado and Utah.
- Our daughter Mary used the Exchange Bible study materials to lead a friend she made at work to Christ.

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom in formulating goals and priorities for the coming year and diligence in pursuing them
- Spiritual growth for Mary's friend
- That our MGMI staff conference in March would be infused with a spirit of unity and zeal
- That the Lord would lead us to more partners/supporters of the work as we spend the next year visiting churches
- That the Lord would provide for increased funds, both for the MGMI office and for us personally

Like many of you, our holiday season was blessed with lots of time with family. Now that the new year has begun, the responsibilities and opportunities of ministry are mounting. Not only have we both begun the new semester at school, but the beginning of the year has been busy with both ministry and administration.

David's traveled to Colorado where he spoke in two churches and ministered to a group of pastors and their wives. One of the churches in which he spoke is the location of two of our remote graduate students at IBCS, and it was great to make personal contact with them. The second church is a long-time partner and supporter of Ron and Jackie Cochran. The retreat was

an opportunity to make some new friends and to strengthen existing relationships with other ministry leaders.

David also traveled to Northern California, where he taught a unit on eschatology to a group of Hispanic pastors in Antioch, CA. During the trip, he was able to minister in two churches, one in Spanish, the other in English. During February he will also attend a conference on outreach and discipleship in Ohio.

The annual MGMI staff conference will take place March 4–8 in Phoenix. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship for all of us, as those from other places can rest from ministry responsibilities for a few days and spend unhurried time talking and praying together about what the coming year has in store.

Thank you for your support and your prayers. Pray that we would we press ahead with genuine zeal for serving the Lord and with the true joy of Christ in our hearts as we meet the opportunities of the coming months.

David and Linda Shumate