



MGM International
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Dear Friends,

It's amazing that Christmas is just around the corner—a wonderful time to remember how the God of the Universe sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be born of a virgin and to die on a cross so that He could pay the penalty for our sins if we are willing to believe in Him and ask Him to be our Savior. May the Lord help us to honor Him and not get caught up in all the festivities. We celebrate Christmas because of CHRIST!

It is our desire to serve the Lord always, not just at Christmastime. I'm so thankful for opportunities the Lord provides for us to share the Good News of the Gospel of Christ with others. The Sunday before Thanksgiving Westpointe Baptist Church had a wonderful outreach dinner. We had a good group of visitors, Pastor Dick Mercado Jr. gave a Gospel message, and, best of all, three people trusted in Christ as their Savior! That is something for which to be truly thankful!



Workers Comp Hearing Update: My final hearing was to have been in November; however, the time conflicted with an annual church and ministry seminar given by a local CPA for which I was registered (it's always very helpful!), so I requested a later time or date. Unfortunately, they rescheduled it for January 11! The doctor who will be questioned during that hearing wrote a terribly false report, so please pray that the Lord will enable me to maintain a good testimony and that the truth will come out. The Lord comforted me with Psalm 63:11, *But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.* I have had to remind myself to not be anxious but to rest in Him, knowing that He is in control and the outcome will be according to His will. If the Lord doesn't want the verdict to be in my favor, then I know that He will provide another way for me to continue to function and to work for Him.

The ministry is always busy, but this time of year seems to bring lots of responsibilities. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated as I head into my super busy season—dealing with the end-of-the-year tasks, getting ready for starting the new year and preparing documents for the upcoming annual MGMI board meeting, and my favorite event of the year—our MGMI Annual Staff Conference the first week in February, which I've been working on for some time now! Already the Lord has provided two ladies to help me in the kitchen (hopefully I'll get to go to more than one session this year!), and Westpointe Baptist Church took up an offering during our month-long missions emphasis to help with the expenses. The Evangelical Church will also, as in the past, help us with meals and housing, as well. It's a joy to see the Lord provide for our needs. We pray that it will be a time of both blessing and challenge.

Please pray for our general director, Dr. David Shumate, as he flies to Puerto Rico next week to survey the situation there. We've had the privilege of helping with arranging for needed water filters and tarps. The Alfaros have been back and forth with generators and supplies. We aren't hearing anything in the news these days, but the situation is still difficult in many areas. There are many fellow believers in Puerto Rico. We need to pray that the Lord would use this situation for His glory.

Another praise: my laptop, which I use to work at home a great deal, was on its last legs. No funds were available for replacement, but the Lord used a brother at church to find and refurbish one for me. Also, another contact of a WBC church member has already refurbished and donated four laptops to our missionaries and Bible college in Hermosillo! They continue to need a MacBook Pro for their online video courses, so please pray for the Lord's provision of that need. It's such a joy to see the Lord provide our needs!

Many thanks to those of you who pray and support both me and the ministry of MGM International. We are truly grateful! May the Lord give each one of you a blessed Christmastime and a Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Gail Ereddia