



**MGM International**  
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



## News from Gail Ereddia

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Dear Friends,

We are officially into summer here in Phoenix! It's supposed to be 113 by Friday, which will be pretty uncomfortable, but how we thank the Lord for air conditioning! I have a slightly slower pace in the summer, so I'm thankful for time to get caught up on all the things I've neglected trying to get through the many responsibilities of the first months of the year. I've even been working on our staff conference for next year so that it's not so stressful when the time comes.

Last month I had the privilege of heading to Florida again for a retreat provided through Quiet Place Ministries. They have a donor who loans his condo in Sarasota, Florida, for full-time Christian workers for a week. I was able to go several years ago, and the folks at Quiet Place asked me if I would like to go again! I was scheduled to go last September, but it was the day the hurricane hit, so it was rescheduled for last month. They allowed me to take a friend this time, and my good friend Irene Mendez came with me. Unfortunately, she fell on her way to the beach and broke a toe and then experienced an outbreak of shingles on that toe! So, it wasn't much fun for her, but we're both thankful for a time of rest in a beautiful place. The one requirement for the retreat is to spend four hours a day doing things that encourage spiritual growth. I was able to read several missionary biographies and work through a book by Elisabeth Elliott, in addition to Bible reading and prayer. When I read of the lives of missionaries like Hudson Taylor and Isobel Kuhn, I always feel ashamed. They suffered so much and, by the grace of God, were able to accomplish much for the Lord. They are both with the Lord, but they are still inspiring others to serve Him through their writings. My prayer is that the Lord will enable me to faithfully serve Him all the days of my life.

Please pray for Westpointe Baptist Church as we continue to raise funds to begin building. The Lord has moved two more families out of state, which leaves a gap, as they were faithful workers for the Lord. Pray that we won't get discouraged and will continue to press forward to build His church. It's His work, and we want His will. Pray that we will be able to reach more people for the Lord and be a light in that community.

Please continue to pray for the Roberto Diaz family for whom we applied for an I-129 R1 religious visa so that they can come to the States to plant a Hispanic church in Georgia. Dr. Shumate and I were able to finish the application (75 pages!) just before I left for Florida, so now we're waiting to hear from Homeland Security. Hopefully we will hear soon. I know the Diazes are hoping to begin this new ministry as soon as possible.

Many thanks to those of you who pray and support both me and the ministry of MGM International. We are truly grateful!

In Christ,

*Gail Ereddia*