



MGM International
 Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from Gail Ereddia

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Dear Friends,

It seems that winter viruses are rampant this year, and many here in Phoenix have had to deal with them. At Christmas time I caught one which hung on for a month. The Lord gave me relief in time for our Annual Staff Conference February 5-9, but the last day I caught it again. It is still lingering, but I'm grateful to be feeling so much better.



2018 MGMI Annual Staff Conference

The highlight of the year for me is our MGMI Annual Staff Conference. It's always a blessing to have our team here. As usual, I spent the week working in the kitchen (we're praying for someone to take that over next year) and the office. The Lord sent helpers this year, which was a blessing. Two ladies came from IPES in Hermosillo to help with the children of the missionaries so that they could be in the sessions, and Monica Gallardo, from The Evangelical Baptist Church, came again this year to help me in the kitchen.



Thanks to a very generous offering from Westpointe Baptist Church, we had the funds for the conference. A couple of families at WBC donated gifts for the small gift bags we try to give to the missionaries each year. Irene Charlez did beautiful silk flower arrangements for the tables, and for our special ladies' luncheon on Thursday, she did some lovely pieces with fresh flowers. This year we honored Bacilio and Eunice Alfaro for their 43 years with MGMI and Cecilia Mercado for her 39 years.

Two of our board members, Pastor Dick Mercado Jr. and Pastor Steve Rubio, came to speak to our team. The Lord also provided a photographer (Nick Pantele) to take pictures of our team, and an IT expert (Ben Arellano) gave a presentation on social media and other tools which can be helpful to the ministry, both of whom are from Northwest Valley Baptist Church (pastored by Dr. Kevin Schaal, another board member).

January came with the usual busy tasks of preparing tax forms and reports (including helping WBC and The Evangelical Baptist Church with theirs), helping Dr. Shumate prepare for the annual MGMI board meeting, and getting ready for the conference.

A huge answer to prayer came in February with a ruling from the judge regarding my workers' compensation case and continuance of physical therapy. It took almost a year and three hearings before a judge to accomplish this. The third hearing was the most difficult; and, as I was representing myself, my lack of experience/knowledge was evident. I was a little discouraged at the way things went, but afterwards I realized that if a positive ruling was made, it would be ALL of the Lord and His mercy and not as a result of anything I did! I'm so thankful to the Lord for His grace through all of this and for the 12 visits the judge gave me for this year. Next year it will have to be reevaluated, but hopefully I won't have to go through another series of hearings.

Another tremendous blessing the Lord provided for our team is a contact through friends from Westpointe (Dave and Karen Douglas) who refurbishes laptops and desktop computers. He has generously donated several laptops for our team and is working on five desktops for the computer lab at IPES in Hermosillo. Please pray about getting the computers to Mexico for the use of the students, which will be a great blessing to them as they prepare for the work of the Lord.

A personal answer to prayer came with a wonderful report from a follow-up to my biopsy last year—all clear!

Please pray for Westpointe Baptist Church as we are embarking on a campaign to raise the funds to put up a building on our now-paid-for land! We hope to have one completed in two years, and we're trusting the Lord that He might see fit to give us our own building to help us to spread the Gospel and glorify the Lord.

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