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News from Gail Ereddia

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Dear Friends,



These are busy days, as always. I flew to Georgia to visit my brothers and their families the end of June/beginning of July and had a wonderful time visiting family and getting to meet three new babies. As always, I got laughed at for wearing a sweater and socks a lot of the time! (Picture of me in my sweater with my niece, Suzanne's, precious baby!) I shed sweater and socks at the airport when I returned home. It's been up to 119° this summer, and they even had to close the airport for a day or two. When it gets to be that hot, the airplanes can't fly in or out of here.

Westpointe Baptist Church News:

We are so excited to see how the Lord has enabled us to pay off our land this year! We began trying to finish paying off our loan in December, 2016. At that time we owed \$153,000. By the grace of God, amazingly, the land was paid for by May 1, 2017! Lord willing, our next phase will have us in a building in two more years. Please continue to pray that the Lord will enable us to continue to grow and, if it's His will, to have our own facility in the near future.

Dr. Mercado's Surgery:



Some of you may know that Dr. Mercado had heart-valve replacement surgery on May 16 of this year at the age of 87! He is doing much better, and it's a blessing to see them in church on Sundays. This picture was taken the week before the surgery. I know they would be so grateful for your prayers for their health. They continue to be a genuine blessing to us!

Missionary Motel (aka: my apartment!):

It's always a blessing to have missionaries come through Phoenix on their way to meetings, etc. In June, "Aunt Gail" had the pleasure and privilege of watching the Wokaty kids overnight while their parents had an overnight getaway for their 20th wedding anniversary. What fun! The morning before they headed out "Chef Daniel" fixed us all pancakes and bacon. Ron and Jackie Cochran have also been here on their way out to some meetings this month, and they will stopover on their way back to Hermosillo at the end of their trip. Please pray for all of our missionaries as they travel and serve the Lord.



New Missionaries:

The Lord gave us two new missionary team members recently—Wesley and Amanda Barley and their two boys and Janine Fox. These three have already been serving short-term at the Ebenezer Bible College in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, and the Lord has directed them to work with us full-time, for which we are very thankful. Please pray for them as they seek to raise their full support.

Workers Comp Hearing:

Please pray for my upcoming hearing before a judge August 23 at 1:30 p.m. You may recall that I injured my back five years ago at work. I haven't had to see the doctor for a couple of years until this month, but I have been able to have a minimal amount of physical therapy. It's very difficult for me to sit for any length of time—which I do a lot of at work in front of a computer—and I have extra cushions everywhere to help with that. The pain is constant—sometimes worse than other times. Physical therapy helps, but our insurance company has denied any more supportive care, so the only way to have more was to petition the court. I had to give a deposition a couple of weeks ago, and I have spent a great deal of time and energy tracking down records, etc. It's in the Lord's hands. Your prayers would be appreciated for a good outcome that will help me to be able to continue to serve the Lord.

New Projects:

This year Arizona passed a new Paid Sick Leave law, which has taken up a great deal of time for me to research and implement. Unfortunately, along with the law came new reporting requirements which our accounting software is not equipped to handle. A policy had to be written, and I had to create a special report in Excel that needs to be sent to all AZ employees for each pay period.

There are several other projects Dr. Shumate would like for me to work on, so I ask for your earnest prayers as I seek to be a help and blessing to this ministry. The Lord keeps stretching me and asking me to learn new things. Dr. Shumate's load is heavy, so I'm happy to be of help in any way that I can to relieve him of some of the more mundane tasks. I'm so thankful the Lord tells us that we can ask for wisdom, and He will give it to us (James 1:5).

Please continue to pray for the needs of the Mission. A special thank you to those of you who pray for us and those of you who support us financially. We are truly grateful!

May the Lord richly bless each one of you!

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