



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from Allen and Bella Lund

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Bella and I want to take this moment to thank those of you who have stood with us in the Latin American ministry for many years. After completing the church-planting mission God gave us to fulfill in Costa Rica, we are endeavoring to use the gifts God has given us as a special projects missionary.

After we returned to the States we consulted extensively with our sending church pastor and our mission agency director to identify the most effective way to invest our time and abilities on the Hispanic mission field. What we have found is that there is a great need among Latin American and U.S. Hispanic ministries for extensive help to make their ministries more effective. The Lord has uniquely equipped us through our experience planting churches, teaching in the seminary and supervising multiple building projects to partner with these ministries.

We believe that the most productive approach will be for me to continue to develop my expertise and qualifications in the trades. To accomplish this, I have been working with a seasoned electrician both to help provide for our needs during our transition and to obtain my electrician's license. I expect to have this task completed by the first of next year. This will have several added benefits, including providing for our personal financial needs and giving me a greater ability to supervise projects and to educate Hispanic church leaders unfamiliar with legal requirements and building codes.

We will work throughout the year on identifying and organizing projects that will have a maximum impact for the Great Commission. Each project must meet all the following requirements:

1. It must be in support of strong Bible-believing fundamental ministries that are making a difference in carrying out Christ's work either at home or abroad;
2. It must be the type of project that requires the particular mix of experiences and abilities that we can provide;
3. It must have the approval both of our sending ministry and of our mission agency;
4. It must be cost effective.

We will follow a rigorous procedure in vetting possible projects. This procedure will include the following steps:

1. We will work well in advance to identify and analyze possible projects and identify those that are the most promising;
2. We will seek preliminary approval both of our sending church and our mission agency to further pursue the development of the best possible projects;
3. We will identify the key leaders and helpers across multiple organizations that will work together on the project;
4. We will prepare a project plan and a detailed budget, submitting these to our sending church and to our mission agency for their approval. These plans and budgets will be available to supporters and potential supporters of the ministry or of the project;
5. We will carry out the project and provide an action report detailing the accomplishment of the objectives.

Depending on size and complexity, we expect to carry out around four or five projects a year. Presently we are doing preliminary studies on several specific projects with two Bible colleges in Mexico where I will be teaching a course, preaching and engineering ways to maximize the use of resources to operate their ministries more effectively. In addition, our mission agency has asked me to do a feasibility study and, if viable, develop a solar project to provide all or part of the electricity needs for their Bible college and seminary in Hermosillo, Mexico. As they have explained to me, this project is not a standard building trip, but it is highly complex, involving cost estimates, government approvals and technical expertise. They need someone who has both an understanding of the basic technical issues, who speaks Spanish fluently and who can build a team of Americans and Mexicans to bring the project to fruition.

As you can see from the types of ministry projects we are talking about, the amount of energy for preparation and execution is extensive

As a bi-vocational missionary, we will be covering our personal financial needs. Therefore, beginning November 1, 2017, all funds received by MGMI for us will be held by them for use on projects. This is true whether funds come in the form of regular support of our ministry or as funds specially designated to a specific project. All funds will be spent in accord with the budget for each project and may include costs of materials, fees, travel expenses and other necessary items. If circumstances demand a substantial change in the use of designated funds donors will be notified.

You can continue to support this ministry monthly, as many of you have done, or on a project-by-project basis. If, however, you believe that God would have you to participate, be assured that we with MGMI will practice excellent stewardship with the resources. Our goal is always to encourage the local believers and church workers to make significant contributions for their projects in both materials and labor.

As always, we are extremely grateful for the wonderful support and encouragement you have been to us over the years, and we pray that we can work together effectively in the future. If you have any questions about our ministry, please feel free to contact me or my sending pastor, Juan Fernandez, or my mission agency director, David Shumate. Their contact information is below.

May the Lord richly bless you,

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