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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

There are many times in the ministry that we feel greatly lacking in time, energy, or talents. That is when the Lord reminds us that all of those come from Him. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." How thankful we are for His abounding grace!

The Lord gave us a good time of fellowship and study of His Word in Family Camp and used the preaching of pastors Ezekiel Salazar and Steve Rubio, and Evangelist Dan Garlick at Bible conference to speak to the needs of the members of the local churches, both in their personal lives and in their service to the Lord.

The day following Bible conference a group of pastors and students headed down to Navojoa, about four hours south of here, for the ordination of Institute graduate Nahum Malacara. Nahum has been serving alongside missionary Dave Scott since his days as a student, and it was a joy to participate in the ordination council and preach at his ordination. The following day he was installed officially as pastor. Please pray for Nahum and his wife Blanca (also an Institute graduate) as they continue serving in this very active church.

May 2 we headed up to Phoenix to catch a flight to Puerto Rico to participate in the graduation exercises of Puerto Rico Baptist College. I had the privilege of participating as a judge in the preaching contest as well as preaching at both the graduation banquet and graduation. It was a blessing to participate in the services and to receive an honorary doctorate degree from the college. We were also blessed to see Institute graduate Roxana (Perez) Keiser and her husband David, who have served at the college for the last seven years, as well as other friends from bygone years. It was an added great blessing for us to be able to stay with our son Ben, his wife Carla, and grandson Jack while there.

We just finished off an extremely busy end of the semester at the Institute. Graduation week saw the end of final exams on Wednesday, a banquet on Thursday, and continued the next day with convocation in the morning and graduation in the evening. Please pray for our new graduates: Marisol Caro, Jesús Cordero, Gethsemaní Figueroa, José Gómez, Rosa Ibarra, Saraí Lopez, Mayra Naranjo, Narciso Pastrana, and Mizraim Sargento. Our men's dorm supervisor, Marcos Cota, received a Master's degree in Practical Theology, and our academic dean, Josué Guzmán, just finished his Master's degree in Bible from Maranatha Baptist University. Please pray with us that the Lord will use each graduate for His glory as they continue to serve Him faithfully.

The day following graduation we had a wedding: a young lady from our church who attended the college in Puerto married a young man from Peru she met there, Daniel Príncipe. They will be serving in Daniel's home church in Trujillo, Peru. The following day Emanuel Baptist Church celebrated its 35th anniversary—35 years of God's faithfulness!

June will be less busy than May but full, nonetheless. June 9-16, we will be in Cuernavaca to give classes to pastors and their wives. The last week of June is full of graduations, from kindergarten to high school, and entering into July we have youth camp the first week and VBS later on in the month. We will be visiting churches in the West this summer and ask for your prayers for traveling mercies and to be a blessing in each place we go.

Please pray specifically for financial aid for the Institute during the summer months, prospective students for the fall semester, continued growth of the church, and grace and strength to keep on keeping on for His glory.

May the Lord continue to bless and use you as you trust in His infinite grace. We appreciate so much your prayers and support of the ministry here in Hermosillo.

In Christ in Mexico,
Ron and Jackie Cochran