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## News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

Beginning a new school year is always filled with anticipation for both students and teachers alike—new experiences, new challenges, new people to meet, new growth. This school year, 2018-2019, is a special one for the Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary (IPES) as we are celebrating 50 years of God's goodness and faithfulness in raising up Mexican servant-leaders to go out into the fields that are white unto harvest. Although we were not involved in the Bible college and seminary ministry during its first 17 years of existence, we have had the privilege of playing a small part since November of 1985 in fulfilling the biblical command of 2 Timothy 2:2: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Please pray for the college and seminary and its graduates, that He will keep us faithfully serving Him until He returns, and please pray for all the preparations and financial needs as we plan for the homecoming and celebration in May. Our desire is to have at least 50 graduates preach in chapel during this school year as well; and, although we don't have the finances to bring them here, we are praying that many will make their way to Hermosillo and the chapel pulpit during these next months.

This school year we have nine new full-time students at the college and seminary from seven different states of Mexico: Jocabed Bringas, Hector García, Hiram Luna, José Antonio Manzano, Jonathan Martínez, Joselyn Monreal, Karla Morales, Samuel Saucedo, and Samuel Zapien. Our current enrollment of full-time students is 35, since four of our students from last year didn't return. Please pray for the Lord's provision and for the students who are planning to come in January to continue following the Lord's leading to prepare for service.

This new school year has also brought about some changes in our Christian school. Bro. Adalberto Flores, the general director of the school, has left Sonora to head to the state of Hidalgo to help a pastor there set up a school of music. Both of Bro. Adalberto's sons are studying music at a conservatory in Veracruz, and their goal as a family is to provide a place to train young Christian musicians to use their talents to serve the Lord. While Adalberto will still be fulfilling many aspects as director long-distance, Bro. Manuel Acedo will be helping with the supervision of the junior high school, and Bro. Tony Castillo will be helping with the high school. We have 36 students in preschool and elementary school, 19 in junior high, and 16 in high school. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless and use these ministries for His glory.

This summer the Lord gave us the opportunity to visit four churches in the States while out for three weeks. It was a blessing to touch base with two churches in Tennessee and one in Virginia that support us personally, and we also had the privilege of representing the Bible college and seminary at a church in Pennsylvania that has supported IPES for many years. While in Virginia, we had a family reunion with

Ron's mom, his three siblings, all our children and grandchildren, and a niece and nephew and their families. What a joy and blessing it was to spend time together and meet our two youngest grandchildren! In January, Lord willing, we will meet the newest member of the Cochran clan, who is still "in the oven." Our youngest daughter, Rachel, is due with her first child, and we rejoice for this little "arrow" the Lord is placing in Rachel and Gabriel's "quiver."

We would appreciate your prayers for us this fall as we have four trips coming up. In October we will be attending the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary service of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in San Pedro del Rosal with graduate Tomás de Jesús; at the end of October we will head back to Mexico City to preach in a conference at Living Word Baptist Church with graduate Rafael García; in mid-November we're heading north with a promotional group to Highway Bible Church in Placerville, CA, pastored by IPES grad Joe Rubio; and then at the end of November we head south again, this time for a ladies conference at the Independent Baptist Church of Aguas Calientes with Pastor Pepe Valadez.

Thank you for your prayers and support over these many years. We ask that you pray especially for this very special year in the history of the ministries here in Hermosillo, Sonora. May the Lord richly bless and use you for His glory!

In Christ in Mexico,

Ron and Jackie Cochran