



MGM International
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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

Dear Friends,

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This year our theme verse for our annual MGMI staff conference in February was Isaiah 40:31: *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* As we wait upon the Lord in prayer and complete dependence on His strength to do His will each day, He gives us what we need for the task ahead. As we look at what God has already done in these past few months and the opportunities to serve in the months ahead, we realize even more the importance of waiting on the Lord daily.

From the beginning of 2018 the Lord has renewed our strength continually during weeks of high activity, beginning with excellent post-grad classes with Dr. David Shumate January 8-12, the following week registration of returning and new students, the following week beginning classes, followed by our Friendship Days the last week of the month. We thank the Lord for sending us four more students. Please pray for returning students Ian and Ramón, for our new student Ivan, and for Ayrem, previously a part-time student who just finished her studies and internship as a doctor. She is taking a very full load during this semester and next, hoping to finish up classes by the time she is married to IPE grad and missionary Eric Díaz next January.

In addition to a new student, the Lord also provided a new teacher at the Institute. A young lady who grew up in our church, Gisela, went to Puerto Rico Baptist College after high school and met a young man from Colombia, Fernando Montt. Fernando served as an intern in a Hispanic church in North Carolina while in college; and, because of the resignation of the pastor, the church voted to call Fernando as their next pastor. He is currently in Mexico waiting on the arrival of his official papers from U.S. Immigration, and the Lord has led them back to Hermosillo during this waiting period after serving in the state of Hidalgo for six months. Please pray the Lord would continue to greatly use Fernando and Gisela, both at the Institute and Emanuel Baptist Church.

Friendship Days was a special blessing this year, as we had 95 visitors registered who spent several days in classes and special activities and preaching. There was an excellent spirit among the visitors, and several expressed their desire to attend the Institute after graduation from high school. One of the visiting pastors who preached in chapel, Carlos Saucedo, commented that he was the fourth generation in his family to know the Lord. Most of his group from Monterrey was comprised of relatives, and what a joy it was to hear of that godly great-grandfather who heard the gospel, believed, made sure his whole small town heard and kept hearing the good news of salvation, and that his descendants continue to serve the Lord.

February 5-9, we attended our annual MGMI meetings and were blessed and refreshed with the preaching, teaching, and fellowship we experienced. The day after the meetings ended, we headed to Tijuana to attend services at Open Door Baptist Church for their celebration of their 50th anniversary. Besides the joy of seeing what great things God has done in that faithful and flourishing ministry, we had the added blessing of hearing and fellowshiping with Dr. Bob Jones and his wife, as well as seeing many Institute graduates who are in the area. During our week in Phoenix, the Grace Dental Mission team was ministering in Hermosillo in the Tres Reinas mission and Faith Baptist Church. Souls were saved and contacts made in both areas. Please pray for lasting fruit in Tres Reinas, Faith Baptist, and also in the Molino mission. Also, this month we had our adult banquet, and one of the couples who attended was a lady named Laura and her husband Francisco. Laura is saved and has been attending church faithfully. On Saturday several people from our church went by to visit them and found Francisco home and responsive to the gospel. His daughters and wife have been praying for his salvation, and how thankful we are to hear of this answer to prayer!

We need God's renewed strength and your prayers as we enter these next few months. In March I will be participating in a sister church's missions conference; the weekend of Palm Sunday will find us in Alhuey, Sinaloa, for a conference on the family; we return for our family camp March 29-31; and then, the following week, April 2-5, is our annual Bible Conference. Also coming up April 14-15 is the ordination of Jehudi Gamez, one of our graduates, who is pastoring in Nogales, and the following weekend we take several carloads of ladies up to Sahuarita, Arizona, for their annual ladies' conference. And before we know it, May will arrive with its many activities in the church and Institute. Please pray for those hoping to graduate this May, that they will finish their classes and doctrinal thesis well.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the ministry here in Hermosillo. We ask you to please pray for us to constantly wait on the Lord and depend on His strength, wisdom, and provision. May the Lord continue to bless and use you for His glory!

In Christ in Mexico,

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