



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

Dear Friends,

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We've always associated 20/20 with good eyesight, but for the first time in modern history, these numbers represent a date—one we never imagined reaching after reading books like George Orwell's *1984* or passing through the end-of-the-century/millennium scare in 1999. The Lord has brought us once again into a new decade, one in which our desire is to continue serving Him in whatever capacity He chooses.

The last missions trip of 2019 took place in November. Emanuel Baptist had the opportunity to send a group of Institute students, under the leadership of fellow missionary Wesley Barley, to two towns several hours to the northeast of Hermosillo, one called Baviácora and the other, San José de Baviácora. One of our church members is from the latter town and suggested visiting this new area. There was a good response as the group evangelized and held Bible clubs, and we would appreciate your prayers as we consider the possibility of continuing work in those and other surrounding villages.

During the last decade, one ministry outreach that has increased for us personally is in the area of preaching and teaching at family conferences. As the "traditional" family becomes more and more the exception rather than the rule in western society, we have seen an increase in sticky, difficult situations and an even greater need to reach those homes with God's truth and instruction. This fall the Lord allowed us to participate in two family conferences. In November Ron had the opportunity to preach a conference on the family at the home church of one of our former students in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, and in December both Ron and Jackie participated in a family conference in Tulancingo, Hidalgo, the home church of four of our present students. What a joy it was to meet these pastors and church families and share God's instructions on building a solid home for His glory! In February, we have two more family conferences scheduled, one in Tijuana and the other in Costa Rica. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for the Lord's leading and blessing as we strive to encourage churches and families with the Word of God.

As the need grows for more and more counseling in our churches, the first post-grad class for this new decade is appropriately titled, "The Pastor as Counselor." We trust the Lord for a good week as Pastor Marshall Fant and his wife Gretchen give further training on biblical counseling to both pastors and ladies serving full-time in ministry. At the end of January, the Institute once again hosts "Friendship Days," a time when prospective students can sit in on Institute classes and experience dorm life firsthand. Several of our present students attended in past years, and the Lord used that time to impress on their hearts the desire to serve Him full-time. Please pray that the Lord will continue to use the experiences of Friendship Days to call more servants to His harvest.

In March of this new year we will be traveling to Greenville, SC, for our annual MGM International meeting. Normally our mission board meetings are held in Phoenix, but this year those team members from the South who normally make the longer trek will get a break from traveling so far. Please pray as we have the opportunity to minister in area churches before and after the meeting.

Please pray with us as we make plans to be Stateside this summer for an extended period to report to churches and raise more support, both personally and for the Institute. Thank you for sharing our vision to reach the Hispanic world through your prayers and support. May the Lord give us 20/20 spiritual eyesight to prioritize our time and energy in order that we might be the most effective as possible for His glory.

In Christ in Mexico, Ron and Jackie Cochran