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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

Our lives are full of many milestones: births, graduations, weddings, and anniversaries to mention a few. This year we are celebrating a milestone at the Ebenezer Bible Institute and Seminary. 2019 marks the celebration of 50 years of God's faithfulness in training young men and women to go out into the Lord's harvest. We are hoping to have a large number of graduates accompanying us this May during our graduation week, and during the school year our goal is to have at least 50 graduates preach in chapel. At Emanuel Baptist Church we are also hoping to use Ebenezer graduates to give the devotionals at all the ladies meetings for the year. Please pray with us that God will be glorified greatly in all the activities and celebrations of our golden anniversary and that the Lord will provide for all the extra expenses incurred at this time.

This fall, while our missions pastor Luis Miranda was out visiting churches, one of our faithful church members, Jesús López, along with his wife María Luisa, headed up the mission in Molino de Camoú. When Bro. Luis returned, Jesús and María Luisa returned to Tres Reinas, where they have been serving. We put Bro. Jesús in charge of the mission in Tres Reinas and ask for your prayers for this couple as they take on the leadership and organization.

About a block and a half from our church is the Madero Park, the largest park in town. On the weekends it is a busy place and, therefore, a good place to meet people and share the gospel. This fall, one of the men in our church was able to get permission for our church to go once a month and hold a mini-concert along with a preaching service. This has opened the door for many more witnessing opportunities. Please pray the Lord will continue to bless and use this ministry for His glory as we plan more park meetings.

The Lord greatly blessed and took care of us during all the trips we made to conferences this fall semester. During all four trips we were with Ebenezer graduates who are faithfully serving in their respective areas. A verse that comes to mind each time we are with or hear news of our graduates is III John 4: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." Our desire is that the Lord will continue to use Ebenezer to train faithful servants for the harvest.

This January the post-grad class was on Worship in the Church. Caleb French, music director and teacher at Northwest Valley Baptist and Arrowhead Christian Academy gave the class, which offered both instruction in directing and other aspects of vocal and instrumental participation, as well as developing a theme-centered worship service that truly praises and glorifies God. There were 37 who greatly profited from the instruction, some from area churches and others from different parts of Mexico.

Each year Ebenezer hosts Friendship Days at the end of January, a time when we open our doors to prospective students—young people who are considering what is God's will for their lives. This year 61 young people accompanied our student body and staff during the three days. Please pray with us that these young people will follow the Lord's leading in their lives and not be sidetracked by the lure of pleasure, money, or any of the things that so easily distract us from serving the Lord with our whole hearts.

We were hoping for another birthdate to celebrate in January, but our fifth grandchild decided to come in February instead. Alondra Ketzaly Flores made her entrance into the world on February 1, just a few hours before our plane touched down in Greenville, SC. Although Rachel had a long labor that ended in a C-section, both mom and daughter are doing well, as is the proud dad, Gabriel. We would appreciate your prayers for Rachel's continuing recuperation and that this granddaughter (along with our four other grandchildren) will grow up to love and serve the Lord with all her heart.

Although we went to Greenville for a birth, we were also able to be there to celebrate the life and homegoing of a dear lady who has had a great impact for Christ in many parts of the world, including Mexico. The funeral service for Mrs. Beneth Jones was truly God-honoring and a blessing to all in attendance.

The first weekend in February also marked a milestone for Faith Baptist, a "granddaughter mission" of Emanuel Baptist. Bro. Jacinto Aguilar, the former pastor of Jesus Saves Baptist Church and founder of Faith Baptist, was able to come for the independence service, in which Faith Baptist formally moved from mission status to that of an independent Baptist church. How thankful we are to see works begin, grow, and mature in God's plan for His church to take the gospel to the "uttermost parts of the world"! Please pray for pastor Juan Marcos Saucedo as he continues to lead the church forward for God's glory.

In March we will be taking a trip south to the state of Michoacan to preach a conference on the family in the church of Ebenezer graduate Salvador Rodriguez. During March the ladies will also be taking a trip to a ladies' conference, traveling north to Sahuarita, Arizona. In April we have family camp the week before Easter, and during the week after Easter we have our annual Bible Conference. Ebenezer graduate Rafael Garcia from Mexico City will be accompanying us. Please pray for souls to be saved and brethren to be drawn closer in their daily walk with the Lord through these opportunities to preach the Word.

Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bring many milestones of service into your lives and continue to bless and use you for His glory.

In Christ in Mexico,

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