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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

Divine appointments are a part of our daily lives, although we may not realize it. They come in many shapes and forms, and when we do realize how God has orchestrated one of those appointments for His glory, how exciting it is to see how He has used us in His plan! Several weeks ago, we decided to visit two contacts in a neighborhood we have been visiting on the south side of town. Neither one was at home, but since we were close to the house of an elderly member of the church, we stopped by to see her. Her daughter-in-law had just been talking to her about her brother who was dying of cancer, so the church member gave us his name and address and asked us to go visit Juan Lopez. Juan was skin and bones, with multiple tumors all over his body, but he was lucid and listened carefully as we explained the plan of salvation. Although he was too weak to speak audibly, we prayed with him, trusting the Lord that he understood and had prayed in his heart to receive the Lord. Several weeks later the church member informed us that her daughter-in-law said he changed after the visit; he was no longer agitated but calm and trusting. He died peacefully in his sleep three days after the visit. Our plans that morning changed, allowing us to have a part in God's plan of bringing another soul into His kingdom.

One big request we have had for the Bible college is more students, and the faculty and staff have been praying for 20 new students for this new school year. God has blessed with 17 new students this semester, and several more are planning to come for the spring semester. Our current enrollment is 44 full-time students. Please pray for our new, as well as returning students, that each might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We have also been praying for more students in our Christian school, and the Lord has also provided an increase of around 20 students, bringing this year's K-12 total to 83. One of our new students is Tadeo, a young man we mentioned in our last letter who was attending the Bible club in Universidad (classes for both children and adolescents) and was saved during our Bible conference in April. Tadeo continues to grow spiritually, and God is working in his family. Please pray for Tadeo, his mother, brother, and sister, and the children and their families in both the Universidad Bible club and in the club of Piedra Bola, a neighborhood in the southern part of town. Please continue to pray also for the mission churches in Molino de Camou and in Tres Reinas. The Lord is greatly blessing in Tres Reinas with salvation decisions and visitors weekly. We also ask for your prayers for Emanuel, that the Lord would help each member to grow in grace and in love for the Lord and for souls, and for unity among the believers.

The Lord continues to bring us opportunities for service in the way of conferences on the family. On September 10-15 one of our sister churches, Ebenezer, hosted a family conference. It was a blessing to sharing the teaching and preaching opportunities with one of our graduates, Joe Rubio, and two other pastors, Mark Cowles and Oscar Galvan. Also, at the end of this month, we will be heading north to preach another conference on the family at Iglesia Bautista Fundamental Buenas Nuevas (Good News

Fundamental Baptist Church) in San Carlos, California. A promotional team of faculty and students from the Institute will accompany us as far as Phoenix; there they will not only participate in a workers' conference at The Evangelical Church with special music and testimonies, but they will also help with classes for the workers' children and with cleanup while their parents are in the conference. In November Ron will be heading over to Monterrey, Mexico, for another family conference. We thank the Lord for these opportunities to teach biblical principles for marriage and childrearing to families that are constantly being bombarded from all sides with ungodly philosophies and practices. Another request we have is for our annual missions conference November 8-10 at Emanuel Baptist, that the Lord would energize His people to lift up their eyes to see the Lord's harvest worldwide and participate in praying, giving, and going.

Another divine appointment the Lord had planned for Ron was in several phases at the bank. Our bank here in Hermosillo closed our account without warning, so he looked for another bank. In June he began witnessing to Cristina, the bank executive who helped him open a new account and he invited her to church on several occasions. After another trip to the bank this week, Ron found out that Cristina is the half-sister of one of our Bible college students named Paula! The Lord is answering Paula's prayers for the salvation of her family members, so please pray with us for Cristina's salvation.

As you seek to serve Christ daily, look for those divine appointments where you can connect with God's plan in the furtherance of His kingdom. Thank you for your prayers and for your financial support of the ministry here in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

In Christ in Mexico,

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