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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

Dear Friends,

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A verse that has spoken to us much recently is Ezra 7:10: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments." How thankful we are, not only for opportunities to prepare our own hearts, but also to teach others the same precious Word we have received!

This year's family camp and Bible conference, as well as the ladies' conference in Sahuarita, have been a part of the preparation God has provided for our church, as well as sister churches, to continue obeying and serving the Lord. The excellent messages were a great encouragement to serve in love and unity. We have seen God encourage His people in His service, and it is a joy to see more people involved in evangelism and other aspects of ministry.

In April we had the privilege of participating in the ordination of another Institute graduate, Jehudiel Gamez. Jehudi was saved at Calvary Baptist Church in Nogales, the church where he is currently serving as pastor.

We are currently at the end of May's activities and enjoyed the opportunities to speak at two Mother's Day banquets and an Institute retreat during the same week. The last week of the school year we had a sacred concert on the 22nd, convocation and a banquet on the 24th, and graduation on the 25th. This year nine were graduated: Blanca, Lizeth, Sara, Pedro, Jonathan, Dalet, Jesse, Roberto and Ruth. Please pray that the Lord would continue to use these graduates (as well as previous generations) and guide their steps for His honor and glory.

The Sunday following graduation we had the joy of celebrating 36 years of God's goodness to Emanuel Baptist Church. The Lord has continued to bless and lead us through both good and challenging times, and we have seen His faithfulness in building His church for His glory.

The first Sunday of June will be a bittersweet time for us as we say goodbye to Dan and Opal Wokaty as they move into a new phase of ministry called Team Mobile Seminary, a ministry designed to help pastors receive further training and begin Bible institutes throughout Latin America. We will sorely miss them here but are excited to see how the Lord will further extend the teaching ministry they have been involved in since arriving at the Institute in 2001.

Coming up on our summer calendar are several annual activities plus a few new ones. In June, two of our young ladies from church, Gethsemani and Erika, will be heading to Costa Rica to help our daughter Lizzy and her husband Ivan in the music ministry at their church. Please pray the Lord will use these young ladies for His glory and that this will be a time of growth and blessing in their lives. Please pray also for our Father's Day meal and special service, that many visitors will attend both events and respond to the gospel. Also in June we have several graduations: kindergarten and elementary school June 28, and junior high and high school June 29. Please pray, not only for these students to continue growing both in grace and knowledge, but also for a good response of the many relatives that will attend the ceremonies and hear the gospel.

Coming up in July is our youth camp as well as vacation Bible school. We have two special people who will be helping us in youth camp this year: Lizzy and Ivan. Please pray that the Lord will do a great and lasting work in the lives of our young people and that He will use Lizzy and Ivan as they minister to the young people and camp staff. We will be traveling back East this summer to visit family and churches in Tennessee, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Please pray for us as we prepare for these events, visit relatives we haven't seen for several years, and travel many miles presenting what God is doing in Mexico. Please pray also for the general elections here in Mexico the first Sunday of July, that God will show mercy and allow into office those who will aid in the furtherance of the gospel.

Thank you so much for your continuing prayers and support of the Cochran family and the ministries here in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. May the Lord bless and use you as you prepare your heart to seek and do God's will!

In Christ in Mexico,
Ron and Jackie Cochran