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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

People here love any reason to throw a party, so celebrations of any type are opportunities to preach the gospel to the unsaved and encourage believers in their Christian walk. In March we were able to travel to Apatzingán, Michoacán, to preach a family conference for the 9th anniversary of the Fundamental Baptist Church, pastored by Ebenezer graduate Salvador Rodriguez. Although this is a difficult area, controlled by drug traffickers and given over to sinful lifestyles, God is using Salvador and his wife Maricruz to raise up a good work with souls saved and established in the Word. Please pray for the Rodriguez family as they faithfully labor proclaiming the name of Christ, and for their youngest child, Moses, who is graduating from high school and considering what God's plan is for his life.

Mid-April found us at family camp during the last three days before Easter, a time of considering Christ's sacrifice on the cross as pictured in the Old Testament sacrifices. The following week we had our annual Bible Conference, with an emphasis on preparing workers for the harvest. During that week, one of the teenagers who has attended the Bible club in the neighborhood Universidad, came to the Bible Conference services and was saved the first night. Just two weeks ago, Tadeo was baptized and continues attending church faithfully and joyfully. He and several of the other young people who attend the club go out after the club with the teachers to pass out tracts and witness in their neighborhood. Please pray for Tadeo, Jorge, Kevin, and Sofia, that they will continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for the salvation of their families.



The end of April is a big celebration time: Children's Day. What a joy it was to have the participation of the children in the main service with specials, future ushers helping with the offering and leading the singing, and a future "preacher" who gave an excellent challenge to the parents to be a good example to their children! Please pray for the many visitors who attended, that the Lord would work in

the hearts of the unsaved and in the families of those who are struggling with marital or family problems.

May is another big month for celebrating, and in a matriarchal society, Mother's Day is an extremely important day. Not only did I get several opportunities to preach to the ladies, both at the church banquet and Sunday services, but Jackie also was invited to give a devotional in two additional Mother's Day activities, one at Faith Baptist Church and the other at the Universidad Bible club activity for the mothers and grandmothers of the



children who attend each Saturday. Also this month, a faithful couple in the church celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a vow renewal service. There are many attacks on the family, so the service served as a good reminder of God's plan for forming a God-honoring family.



About the time we began final exams at the Institute, graduates began arriving in preparation for a week of celebration of God's infinite faithfulness in allowing Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary to prepare and send out workers into the Lord's harvest during these last fifty years. On Tuesday we began the anniversary activities with a sacred concert in which graduates as well as some of their family members, faculty, and present students participated in adoration and praise to our great God. Our Convocation service and a reception for graduates and their families afterwards was on Wednesday. Thursday evening was our banquet, and Friday afternoon was the graduation service. Each service was a time to reflect on what God has done in the past, is doing in the present, and will do in the future, by means of multimedia presentations of the history of the College, testimonies of graduates from each decade of existence, and the preaching of the Word. As we look to the future, one prayer request we have is that the Lord would increase our student body to 50 as we continue celebrating this 50th year of training men and women for His glory. We have been praying for about 20 prospective students by name and ask you to join with us in prayer for these young people to follow His leading.

We ended the month of May with a bridal shower for the fiancée of Francisco García, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, and our church's 37th anniversary. In June we will be participating in two weddings, one in California and one here in Sonora, as well as the graduation ceremonies of the kindergarten, elementary school, and junior high school. July brings VBS, youth camp, and a trip to the States for a family conference in Greeley, Colorado, as well as time to visit Jackie's sisters and a few supporting churches.

We appreciate your prayers for us and ask you to pray that the Lord will continue to use us for His glory, protect us during our travels, and continue His work of grace in the ministries in which He has allowed us to be a part. May God bless and use you, and may you daily celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness in your life.

In Christ in Mexico,
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