



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: April 2021

At a Glance

Updates and Praises

- David's two classes at International Baptist College and Seminary are going well. Students include three new or prospective senior pastors.
- Since March David has been teaching a class on prayer via Zoom to a group of around 40 Bible college students and church members in Uruguay.
- The Zoom Sunday School class and Bible Study hour at our home church continues to see spiritual growth and blessing.
- David had a great visit with our "graduated" missionary Marco Zapien and family at the Hispanic ministry of Front Range Baptist Church. The Lord continues to bless and prosper the work.

Prayer Requests

- Approval of the religious workers Green Card for MGMI missionaries Roberto and Josefina Diaz in Dalton, Georgia
- Success for David's teaching
- Wisdom and safety for visiting the missionaries this year
- That the Venezuelan missionary will be able to return to his country so that we can begin the tract printing and distribution project
- For continued provision for MGMI missionaries and the home office
- Our daughter Mary is expecting her first child in August (our 8th grandchild)

Zooming all over the place

A few years ago, most of us would have said that Zoom is the sound children make when they are playing race cars or airplanes. Now the name of the company has become like Kleenex, and is being used as a verb, like Google. We thank the Lord for His providence in having us begin using Zoom several years ago in conjunction with David's teaching at International Baptist College and Seminary. This allowed us to begin using the platform in all aspects of our ministry. Although our travel has been seriously curtailed due to COVID, our ministry has been far flung through electronic means. We continue to have our weekly office staff meetings online, as well as the meetings required for special purposes. These include conferences with Brother Roberto Diaz and legal counsel as we proceed with the application for his religious workers "Green Card."

In March, David began teaching a semester-long class on prayer to a group of over 40 Bible college students and church members in Uruguay. The class has been a great blessing, and the students have been great at participating. In addition, our ministry to the English Sunday School class at our home church, the Iglesia Evangélica Bautista, here in Phoenix, has been through Zoom. We have been blessed to have two folks joining us from Texas, as well as a long-time missionary from Mexico. For the last two weeks, we have begun meeting on site again, but we have planned for our Zoom members to keep joining us.

David has taken two ministry trips this spring. In February, he preached the anniversary services of a wonderful partner church in Tijuana, Mexico, and over Easter weekend he traveled to Fort Collins, Colorado, where our former missionary, Marco Zapien, is pastoring the Hispanic congregation of an English-speaking church. Marco is one of our MGMI “graduates.” He first came to the U.S. from Mexico as an MGMI missionary on a religious workers visa in 2013. Since then, he and his family have done a wonderful job building the Hispanic congregation. During the visit, David was able to teach a lesson to about 30 people in the Bible institute that they have started for their church members. One couple attending the institute came to know the Lord when David last preached there Easter 2019, and they are enthusiastically growing and serving the Lord.

Linda has been settling into her increasingly busy role in the office of MGMI, where she assists Gail by recording the contributions. She has also helped us develop our online payment system, now available through the website. She continues to serve in the music ministry of our church and has been taking a graduate course and piano lessons at IBCS to further develop her ministry capabilities.

Please pray for us as we are planning this summer to spend some time visiting our MGMI missionaries in Mexico and the eastern part of the United States. In a few weeks, Lord willing, we will travel to Hermosillo to participate in the graduation exercises of the Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary. We will also be encouraging the missionaries there, and the following week David will teach a graduate class on systematic theology.

Please also pray for our family. Joanna will be traveling on the International Baptist College ministry team again this summer, and our daughter Mary is expecting her first child (our 8th grandchild). Please pray for a safe pregnancy and delivery.

Please also pray for the continued support needs for the ministry of MGMI and for our missionaries.

Thank you for your prayer, support, and encouragement.

May the Lord bless you.

Dave and Linda Shumate