



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: August 2022

Updates and Praises

Opportunities Galore

We thank the Lord that He has guided us into a series of new opportunities that offer personal and ministry growth.

1. **Change of role with MGMI.** In addition to being an educational missionary in the Hispanic world, David for the past 16 years has served in the administrative role as General Director for MGM International. This service has presented many blessings and challenges; however, the time has come for us to think about how we can best help MGMI take the next step. Our desire is that MGMI become not just an agency seeking to reach the Hispanic world but to become a ministry arm of Hispanic churches to reach the world. As part of this shift, David will move to the role of Chairman of the Board of MGMI. Dan Wokaty, who has served faithfully and effectively as Assistant Director will be assuming the duties of General Director. We believe that this arrangement will maximize the potential for MGMI. Please pray that we will have wisdom.
2. **Expanded role in theological education.** Since 2015, David has partnered with International Baptist College and Seminary as Seminary Dean. This partnership has been a great blessing, as it has added resources and contacts to his work in theological education in the Hispanic world. As a result of these mutual benefits, IBCS has asked David to assume the additional responsibilities as Academic Dean of the College as well. After prayer and consultation with the MGMI board of directors, we believe that it is the Lord's leading to accept this position. On August 1, David began serving in his new role, and Linda also began working on the IBCS staff. In addition to the Chairman role mentioned above, David will continue to serve in preaching and teaching ministry, primarily in the summer months when school is not in session. We will be keeping our churches up to date on special projects and our other mission endeavors.

10,000 miles

We had a wonderful time this summer on a "mini-furlough," driving 10,000 miles in two months. We visited many of our partner churches and their pastors, explaining the ministry opportunities mentioned above and enjoying a time of precious fellowship. We also had time with family and some opportunities for the spread of the Gospel.

An empty nest

Our youngest child, Joanna, graduated from IBCS this May with a degree in Bible and Church Music. She has enrolled in graduate school at IBCS to continue these emphases. With her graduation, we can say that we are officially empty nesters. While she was living at college this past year, we had the chance to learn what it is like to rattle around in an empty house. One of the great blessings will be our ability to

travel together more often when ministering away from home.

Upcoming Events

Please pray for us as we are settling into our new responsibilities at IBCS. Also pray for us as we will be speaking to chaplains and their families at a retreat in September. Finally, please pray that we will have wisdom as we are organizing missions projects and trips for next summer.

May the Lord bless you.

Dave and Linda Shumate