



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: January-February 2022

Updates and Praises

Ministry

David

- During the fall semester at IBCS, taught Exposition of the Pentateuch as well as an independent study in Hispanic ministry development with a young Hispanic church pastor
- Finished teaching the online Hebrew class in Spanish
- Preached and brought a seminar on child protection to a Spanish-speaking sister ministry in Brooklyn, New York, the oldest Fundamental Baptist Hispanic work in the country, founded in 1930. Praise the Lord, the pastor just notified us that they would be taking our family on for support.
- Taught a week-long block course at IPES in Hermosillo, Mexico, on Systematic Theology, spending much of the month of December producing an extensive set of notes for the class
- Continues to lead the English Sunday School class through an interactive study of Proverbs at the *Iglesia Bautista Evangélica* (the Evangelical Baptist Church). Also leads a discipleship time on Wednesday evenings.

Linda

- Successfully completed Intermediate Greek 1, Theology of Worship, and Collaborative Piano at IBCS
- Has been helping the Pastor to plan the morning congregational singing
- Ongoing ministries with several ladies, both for support and for discipling

Family

David's health continues to improve after his radiation treatments for prostate cancer. It will be this spring before the doctors can start assessing the level of success of the treatments. In the meantime, he contracted a case of Shingles (thanks to the Lord, a mild one) from which He has recovered.

We had a blessed Christmas with all the children and grandchildren, as well as some friends, in our house (20 people altogether) at one time.

Joanna was able to spend much of her Christmas break with fellow IBCS students in Fairbanks, Alaska, where the sun only peeks over the horizon for a few hours each day in the winter. So different from Arizona, where it is still warm in the winter and the sun is nearly always shining. She

had some travel difficulties on the way back but made it home in time for the beginning of the semester. In addition to her studies, she is serving as a room leader.

On January 2 our son Stephen was ordained into the Gospel ministry and is now serving as assistant pastor at Crossroads Baptist Church in Buckeye, Arizona, under Pastor Ryan Horkavy, with his main responsibilities being the music program and the children's ministry.

Prayer Requests

For the Shumates

- For additional partners in prayer and financial support. We praise the Lord for a new supporting church.

For David

- Wisdom in the development of a Hispanic ministry emphasis at International Baptist College and Seminary
- In the will of the Lord, complete success of his recent treatments in eliminating his prostate cancer

For Linda

- The Lord's help and encouragement for Linda in her studies
- Linda's continued effectiveness helping with the MGMI financial administration, the music ministry of our church, and discipleship opportunities with other ladies

For Joanna

- Continued wisdom and strength as she finishes her last semester and as she is preparing for her senior piano recital in April
- Please pray for her wrist. She has been experiencing some pain and will need to practice many more hours for her recital.
- Wisdom as she finishes her undergraduate program this year and contemplates her next step

For the MGMI team

- Approval of the religious workers Green Card for MGMI missionaries Roberto and Josefina Díaz in Dalton, Georgia
- Wisdom as we are evaluating opportunities to work with new Hispanic missionaries in the U.S. and in Latin America
- Sufficient support for our MGMI missionaries during a time of rising prices.

We are truly thankful for your prayers and for your partnership in the ministry. Over the past two years the Lord has shown us His mercy in many unexpected ways. We thank Him that He is always faithful and that He uses His servants despite our weaknesses and failures. We pray that you also would sense His love and grace in this new year.

May the Lord bless you.

Dave and Linda Shumate