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Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



## News from The Shumates

### Shumate Family Update: July—August 2021

#### At a Glance

##### *Updates and Praises*

- David completed a semester of teaching at IBCS in Chandler, AZ; finished an online class on prayer to students in Uruguay; and taught a modular graduate class on systematic theology in Hermosillo, Mexico.
- Linda finished a semester of private piano lessons that have advanced her skills in congregational accompaniment.
- Joanna had a blessed and profitable trip this summer with the IBCS ministry team to the western U.S.
- MGMI missionary Gregorio Murillo was installed as pastor of the First Spanish Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York.
- The Zoom Sunday School class and Bible Study hour at our home church continues to see spiritual growth and blessing.
- Mary gave birth to Asher, her first child and our 8<sup>th</sup> grandchild. Everyone is doing fine.

##### *Prayer Requests*

- David's preparation for upcoming online class in Elementary Hebrew in Spanish for a group in Mexico
- Wisdom in the development of a Hispanic ministry emphasis at IBCS
- Approval of the religious workers Green Card for MGMI missionaries Roberto and Josefina Díaz in Dalton, Georgia
- Linda's continued effectiveness helping with the MGMI financial administration and ministry of music at our church
- David's radiation treatments for prostate cancer. The prognosis is good. Please pray for success.
- Please pray for our additional financial support and that of the MGMI home office.

#### Teaching and Learning

We appreciate your prayers for David's continued theological teaching in both Spanish and English. The online course for the Bible college and the churches in Uruguay was successfully completed and seemed to be a blessing to the students. The Lord also provided a successful semester teaching and administering in the graduate program at International Baptist College and Seminary. After Commencement, David traveled for a week of teaching Systematic Theology in the graduate program at the Ebenezer Bible College. It had been a couple of years

since his last trip due to COVID, and it was a tremendous blessing to pass some time with the brethren, including the MGMI team serving there. Please continue to pray for the graduate program there and for David as he will be preparing to teach the second half of the course this January. Please pray for David as he begins teaching an online course this fall in Elementary Hebrew in Spanish. The students are preparing for various ministries, including Bible translation.

In a development that shows the wonderful synergy between the ministries of MGMI and IBCS, David is using about half of the video lectures from the class in Mexico to teach a class in Spanish to four students in the graduate program at IBCS. These include students from Phoenix, Colorado, and Northern California. We would appreciate your prayers as we want to develop a formal Hispanic ministry concentration in the graduate program. In addition, Linda is honing her tools for service in the areas of Bible study and music, planning on taking graduate courses in piano accompaniment and Intermediate Greek. She has already benefitted from various graduate courses offered at IBCS and has been studying Elementary Greek diligently this summer to be able to test into the Intermediate class in the fall. She took the test this past Tuesday. Please pray for a good result.

David also ministers as one of the six contributing editors of the *Frontline* magazine. This involves coordinating, editing, and writing for one of the six yearly issues of the magazine. Please pray as the September/October issue on Revival is in process. If you or your church is interested in this resource, you can check it out at [www.fbf.org](http://www.fbf.org).

## **The mission field has come to us**

The mysterious working of the Lord can be seen in the way He has led us to sponsor missionaries from Latin America to serve in the harvest field of the United States. We continue to get good reports from the ministry of the Zapién family (now “graduated” MGMI missionaries) serving in Fort Collins, Colorado. The Díaz family in Dalton, Georgia, continue to minister faithfully. Please pray as we are in the process of seeking to convert their non-resident visas into green cards, so that they can minister there permanently. We are very thankful also that MGMI missionary Gregorio Murillo has now been installed as the new Senior Pastor of the First Spanish Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York. Please continue in prayer for their effective ministry there.

## **An adjustment to our plans for the summer and fall**

We had originally planned to spend this year visiting our MGMI missionary family in the U.S. and Mexico. Those plans had to be adjusted in part due to COVID and in part due to some medical treatments for David. David’s doctors have been closely monitoring his slowly developing prostate cancer. David has begun a series of radiation treatments five days a week for about nine weeks. The radiation sessions are brief, the side effects are usually minimal, and according to the doctors, the prognosis is good. However, the treatment schedule will require a lot of driving back and forth, and it will preclude any significant travel. Please pray for the complete success of the treatments and for financial provision for the medical expenses. Please pray also that we can arrange our missionary visits once the treatments are finished.

## Family news

Mary and Dustin's first baby, Asher, arrived about a week ago. Praise the Lord for a safe delivery.

Joanna will begin her senior year at IBCS and will be working toward her senior recital in the spring. She will be living in the dorms and her schedule will be very busy, so pray specifically that she will be able to get enough sleep, as well as for her spiritual strength under pressure.

Finally, we would appreciate your prayers for our support. A couple of years ago Linda stopped part-time teaching in the Christian school of a sister ministry in order to have time to assist Gail with financial administration. This has been a great help to the mission, but it has eliminated a source of additional income for our family. As always, the Lord has been gracious to provide for us. However, from a human standpoint, we are seeing the need for our support to increase to offset this loss of income and to cover the increasing cost of living. Please pray that the Lord will meet this need when and how He deems best.

Thank you for your prayer, support, and encouragement.

May the Lord bless you.

Dave and Linda Shumate