



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Shumate Family Update: September—October 2021

At a Glance

Updates and Praises

Ministry

- David's summer class in Theology in Spanish went well. The students are finishing up their projects. He also has had the opportunity to help a local second-generation Hispanic pastor improve his Spanish grammar skills to enhance his ministry.
- David's online Hebrew class in Spanish for a group students in Mexico has been a blessing. It has been a challenge to gear the class for the abilities and needs of the students.
- David is also teaching a IBCS graduate class in the exposition of the Pentateuch.
- Linda continues developing her ministry skills, taking graduate courses in church music and intermediate Greek. Praise the Lord she passed the Greek placement test after having studied elementary Greek on her own over the summer.
- MGMI received some very generous gifts for the Institute in Mexico and for the expenses of the home office. These were much needed and appreciated. Praise the Lord for His faithful provision.
- After some delays, we were able to submit the petition for MGMI missionary, Roberto Díaz to receive a resident religious worker's visa (green card).
- The Lord has been giving a great spirit in the English Sunday School class of our Hispanic church.

Family

- David has completed his 9-week course of daily radiation treatments for prostate cancer. We have heard that many people are praying. The treatments were administered by professional and kind medical personnel. The side effects have also been minimal. Even more importantly, the Lord has been using this circumstance for our spiritual blessing.
- Praise the Lord, we received a generous gift to defray some of David's medical expenses.
- A couple of weeks ago, Linda got COVID. Praise the Lord, it was mild case (mostly cold-like symptoms), and she recovered without difficulty. The next week David tested negative.
- Joanna has been having a profitable semester. In addition to her studies, she is serving as a room leader.

Prayer Requests

For the Shumates

- For additional partners in prayer and financial support. Early next year we will be losing the support of one of our partner churches.

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 David's recent treatments in eliminating his prostate cancer.

For Linda

- The Lord's help and encouragement for Linda in her music and theological studies.
- Linda's continued effectiveness helping with the MGMI financial administration and the music ministry of our church.

For Joanna

- Continued wisdom as she serves as a room leader in her residence hall.
- Perseverance as she prepares for her senior piano recital in April.
- 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.

Learning to walk with God

The Lord Jesus has been especially precious to us the last few months. David's prostate cancer treatments were a reminder both that our times are not in our own hands and of the fact that whatever happens is just fine as long as we are close to God. Linda has a multifaceted and demanding ministry—to her grateful husband, to our children and grandchildren, to our church family, at the MGMI office, and in the music ministry of our church. In addition, she is ambitious to continue to hone her ministry skills. Through these various pressures, we have been learning so much. God tailors all our circumstances for our good. He is making us what He wants us to be, and our struggles and even our failures were "baked into" his plan for our spiritual growth and ministry. Often our focus is so much on ourselves and *how* we are doing, rather than on God and *what* He is doing. We praise him, for His goodness never fails!

Thank you for your prayer, support, and encouragement.

May the Lord bless you.

Dave and Linda Shumate