



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from The Shumates

Dear Friends and Partners:

We want to praise the Lord for His great kindness to us over the past few months. As you probably know, we have been in a time of transition to a full-time ministry with International Baptist College and Seminary. I have been teaching part-time with IBCS since 2012 and have been serving part-time as Seminary Dean since 2015. Last year, we began praying about my becoming the Academic Dean for the college and the seminary. As we prayed over that opportunity, we realized that a change in the leadership of Mexican Gospel Mission (MGMI) was also something we should consider.

Although we are still part of the ministry of MGMI, my role has changed. In January of this year, the MGMI Board of Directors unanimously approved the installation of Dan Wokaty as the new General Director of MGMI. Dan has been an MGMI missionary for over 20 years and had already served effectively for several years as the Assistant Director of the ministry. He has demonstrated a tremendous heart and vision for the work as well as great skill and diligence in administration. Alongside his new responsibilities, he will continue to lead T.E.A.M. Mobile Seminary, a ministry of MGMI that helps churches and Bible Colleges in Latin America develop future leaders and teachers for the work.

Linda and I are not leaving the work of MGMI. She continues to serve part-time helping with managing contributions to the ministry, and I have assumed the role of Chairman of the Board of Directors. Besides Brother Wokaty, we have added to our Board four new members, all with a vision for the work and several of whom bring with them experience on the Hispanic and Latin American fields. My role as Chairman will be to work with these leaders to shape MGMI into a helper of the Hispanic and Latin American churches as they increasingly assume a leadership role in carrying out the Great Commission.

On a personal note, we have successfully moved from one part of the Phoenix area to a home much closer to our ministry at IBCS to help our work be more efficient. We are very thankful to those who continued to support us during this transition. It would have been impossible for us to have made this move without your prayers and financial assistance.

We have reached the place where I believe that the provision of regular mission support for our work with MGMI is no longer required. As I mentioned, we will continue to be involved with the ministry, and there will be opportunities to support special projects. A small level of ongoing support can help cover some of the expenses associated with my support role as Chairman of the Board, but that should be minimal. Several of our churches have indicated that they may be able to help with individual trips and special projects, something we will continue to keep in mind.

If you still have a burden for the work of MGMI and the Great Commission in the Hispanic world, many members of our current team of MGMI missionaries, including our new General Director, continue to need additional support to reach the 100 percent level. Also, support for the administrative expenses of MGMI is always needed. Please let us know if you are interested in finding more ways to continue to partner with us in this important work.

We also continue to covet your prayers, both for our ongoing work in theological education and in preparing the next generation of Hispanic leaders to continue the work of the Lord.

Thank you again for your kindness, prayers, and support. We look forward to continuing the rich fellowship we have enjoyed with you in Christ Jesus and in His service.

May the Lord richly bless you.

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