



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from Gail Ereddia

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Dear Friends,

REJOICE!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up To their eternal home;
We soon shall hear th' archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Charles Wesley, 1744



While praying about writing this update, the word “**Rejoice**” kept coming to my mind. Many would say that we have little to rejoice about considering this unusual year, but God tells us to **rejoice!** *This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!* (Psalm 118:24) *But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them **exceedingly rejoice.*** (Psalm 68:3)

It's been a challenging time for many—some going home to be with the Lord due to Covid-19, like the mother our MGMI missionary Jacinto Aguilar. Jim Crowther, former principal of Mission Christian School unexpectedly had quadruple bypass surgery last week. Thankfully, we **rejoice** that he is home and beginning a lengthy recovery process. Our churches have been dealing with how to effectively minister with services being canceled.

But...souls are still being saved, to God be the glory! People are hearing the Gospel in spite of challenges. Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary is still conducting classes, both in-person and online. There are still plans for an upcoming January graduate course for pastors as well. Ministries continue to flourish in Sinaloa, Mexico, with the Hornors (Tap and Denise and Brian and Diana); Dan Wokaty has a trip planned for January to train pastors, which hopefully won't be canceled, but another opportunity has come to teach four undergraduate classes online. The Alfaros have been able to travel some to minister to Hispanics in various places. The Diazes are excited about souls coming to know Christ as their Savior in Georgia. The Shumates and I

rejoice in the ministry opportunities we have here in Phoenix, and it's always a blessing to see 90-year-old Dr. Dick Mercado at church. This year MGMI and the bilingual Evangelical Baptist Church celebrated 90 years of ministry. Anniversary Week in November had to be canceled due to Covid, but we can still **rejoice** over what the Lord has accomplished over these many years. We pray that He will give us many more until He returns for us.

The church where I serve, Westpointe Baptist Church, recently decided to sell the property where we had hoped to build our church building and to look for another location (you may recall that we can't build there due to water issues). We're still meeting at another church on Saturdays, but we are praying the Lord will lead us to a permanent location soon. There are some prospects, so please pray that the Lord would direct our leadership in the path that He wants us to go.

We're also planning on hosting The Exchange seminar with Jeff and Anna Musgrave again in January. Jeff was on staff at my sending church, Faith Baptist in SC, the same time I was working there many years ago. These are dear servants of the Lord with a desire to equip the saints to reach souls for Christ. Please pray for those meetings.

In October I unexpectedly had the opportunity to take a vacation and to spend some time in Greenville, SC, where I was able to give the report I had been previously scheduled to give in March at Faith Baptist but was canceled due to the start of Covid days. I was asked to give some history of how the Lord directed me to Faith and to MGMI. When I first began attending Faith there were only about 35 people...now the church is a large, growing, thriving ministry and, as you can imagine, there are many folks who don't know me! Due to the "wonders" of technology, you can actually hear me give my report if you're interested: <https://fb.watch/2gUbLX9Oq5/> (starts at 20:09).

I **rejoice** that the Lord is allowing me to continue to serve Him, and I pray that I will be faithful until He comes again or calls me home. Thank you so much for your prayers and continued support. May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year **rejoicing** in the Lord!

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped:
therefore my heart greatly **rejoiceth**; and with my song will I praise him. Psalm 28:7*

In Christ,
Gail Ereddia