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News from Gail Ereddia

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Dear Friends,

We all hoped things would be “back to normal” by now, but it seems that we’re not done with Covid-19 yet. Arizona wasn’t hit very hard with cases until the last couple of weeks. So, while many places were opening back up, we started shutting down again. Masks are required most places, as well as social distancing, of course.

Since I generally work at home, my days have been busy; it’s just been a lot less social. The thing I’ve missed the most has been getting to fellowship in person with my church family here. Westpointe Baptist Church had been meeting in a public school; however, when Covid-19 first hit, they canceled our meetings indefinitely. Right now no one knows if schools are going to open in person next month.

Another church in town offered to let us use their facility on Saturday, which we were supposed to do a couple of weeks ago, but when things got worse here, that was canceled, too. We received good news from Pastor Mercado that this coming Saturday, Lord willing, we will be having our first service in-person since March! We’ve been having Sunday School via Zoom, and the church services have been posted on Facebook and YouTube.

Please continue to pray with us as we seek the Lord’s will in regard to purchasing another building/property and the possibility of selling the property we already have. We know the Lord has a place for us; just pray that we will be faithful in these challenging days.

Please pray for all of our MGMI team members, too. The Mexican border has been closed for the most part. Ron and Jackie Cochran who serve in Hermosillo at Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary were dealing with needing to leave to be with his mother who was in the hospital, and there was some concern that they would not be able to return to Mexico. His mother’s condition worsened, so they flew out last Saturday and were able to be there with her before she passed away. The services will be Friday. So, please pray for comfort for them and the family and for Ron and Jackie as they minister to family members. Thankfully, his mom knew the Lord as her Savior, and they look forward to a heavenly reunion someday. It’s been a blessing to see a couple of extra gifts come in for them to help meet the expenses of this unexpected trip. We trust the Lord will meet every need.

Please pray for them, too, as they seek the Lord’s wisdom regarding reopening the Bible college and seminary. As of now, they are planning to reopen. Pray for health and strength and that the Lord will continue to meet the needs there as well.

Bacilio and Eunice Alfaro asked for prayer for some health needs for Bacilio. Please pray that the Lord would direct them to get the medical help that they need and for the Lord’s provision.

You may recall that several years ago the Lord called Marco and Ana Zapien, graduates of our Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary in Mexico, to go to Colorado to plant a Hispanic church there in Fort Collins, Colorado, at Front Range Baptist Church. Dr. Shumate and I worked diligently to prepare the paperwork to help them apply for their R-1 religious visa, which they received by the grace of God. They were able to plant a church in Colorado, but when they applied for their permanent residence visa, they were denied as none were available, so they needed to return to Mexico. A year later they received their visa, and they are now joining the staff at Front Range permanently as their Hispanic pastor. We will miss them being a part of our MGMI team, but we are so happy for what the Lord is doing and how He is using them there in Colorado. We know they will continue to be a blessing in the work there, and we'll always think of them as "family"!

The Wokatys would appreciate your prayers as they prepare for Dan to resume meetings for Team Mobile Seminary. His next trip is to Cuernavaca and Chapulhuacán. Lord willing, he will still be allowed to travel. Please pray that he will get his passport renewed in time! He submitted it for approval about two and a half months ago, but the passport offices have been on a skeleton crew since March.

We're so thankful for each of our team members and the work that they do for the Lord. It's a privilege for me to have a small part in helping them with their needs. We know that we are all in His hands, and we count on His meeting all our needs (Phil. 4:19). Special thanks to those of you who uphold us in prayer and with your gifts. May the Lord richly bless you!

In Christ,
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