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Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:28-31

What an encouragement these verses have been to me these last three months, which have been incredibly busy. There have been so many changes, in addition to getting ready for our annual MGMI Staff Conference...which starts on Monday! In my next letter, I'll share the blessings of the week, but I knew that I would appreciate the prayers of God's people as we prepare for my favorite event and for our missionaries as they travel to Phoenix. Some are already on their way, and others will come at various times in order to arrive in time for dinner on Monday evening. Please ask the Lord to keep them safe and give them the strength that they need.

Lizzy (Cochran) and Ivan Villalobos will be arriving a few days early, Lord willing, on Saturday, in order to help me get things ready for the conference. I no longer have the strength/stamina of my "youth," so the Lord is sending "angels" to encourage me (and to do the heavy lifting!).

Meetings start on Tuesday morning, and Wednesday evening during the church service at The Evangelical Baptist Church will be the official installation of Dr. Dan Wokaty as the new MGMI General Director. As you may know, Dr. David Shumate and his wife Linda are now ministering at International Baptist College in Chandler, Arizona, where he had been teaching part-time and serving as Seminary Dean for several years. While we will miss them being with us full-time, we're thankful that he will still serve as the Chairman of the MGMI Board, and Linda will continue helping with managing contributions. Dr. Shumate and Dan have very different management styles and strengths, so please pray that the Lord will help me to be what I need to be as we all seek to do the Lord's will and reach Hispanics for Christ!

This year we are doing something different during the conference—we will be spending the day on Thursday at a local park for our meeting. The Lord has blessed us with some contributions to help our missionaries with their travel expenses and with Thursday's outing. We're so grateful! We want to make this a special time for our team. The conference will end at noon on Friday.

Transitions are generally challenging. We have been working on making major changes to our accounting system. Some of you will recall that Joe Montgomery, who has his own accounting firm in Greenville, SC, and who is a member of my home/sending church there (Faith Baptist), came to Phoenix twice on accounting mission trips a number of years ago! He helped us to get set up with new software and payroll and has been a great help to us over the years. This year we are working on switching programs and having his firm handle most of the accounting. I also do the finances for the church, and they are in the process of switching over as well. In the long run, this should be a great help and give me more time to do some other things. We are trusting the Lord to continue to supply in order for us to be able to keep on using their services. This is a busy time for accountants in general (April 15 is coming soon!), so we are plugging along as we make these major changes.

I can tell that people have been praying for me and that God has been upholding me and giving me His grace and strength. I'm truly grateful to those of you who have been praying. Please continue to do so...and for all our MGMI team! May God's hand of blessing be upon each of you as well.

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