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Dear Friends,

As I prepared to celebrate Easter, the chorus *Amazing love; how can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me!* kept coming to my mind. The God of Heaven, Creator of all, Jesus Christ, left Heaven to suffer and die here on Earth to pay the penalty for our sins and to rise again! All I had to do was accept His free-to-me gift of salvation by faith, repent of my sins, and ask Him to be my Savior to be assured of eternal life in Heaven. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life!* John 3:16 If you don't know Him as your Savior, He can be yours today!

March has been a super busy month. Our annual MGMI Staff Conference was held at my sending church, Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC. This year it was for our missionaries on the East Coast, so we were a smaller group. We were thankful the Aguilers were able to come on Wednesday, as there was some concern about Jacinto's health; but, thankfully, he was given the all clear from the doctor, so they came.



I was asked to give a brief update to the team on various tax/legal items for this past year during a session. I'm always attending seminars and webinars and reading articles to make sure we stay current with various requirements. I also had the opportunity to meet our accountants at Montgomery and Co. (Andrew Hudson and Kayla Orban took me to breakfast!) and tour their new offices as well as see Joe Montgomery (owner) who came to Phoenix twice on a missions trip to help us years ago to get our accounting set up, and he and his team have been a big help to us since then. As of last year, they are currently helping us with our monthly accounting needs, and we are grateful for their services to us.

It was the Alfaros' 50th anniversary with MGMI! They influenced many of our team to consider working with MGMI. We wanted to have a special time of celebration with them, but Bro. Bacilio had to start dialysis at home, so they were unable to make the trip. If you would like to see the special 46-minute tribute video that was put together to honor the Alfaros, go to https://youtu.be/_Y0qpNRFGpY?si=0yWEYAgNQk6FNVTe. After watching the video, we were able to connect with them via Zoom. Amazingly, even though they are unable to travel now as they used to, the Lord is using them to help plant a Spanish church there in Georgia!

This coming August I will celebrate my 40th year with MGMI, and they kindly honored me with flowers. We didn't want to take anything away from the Alfaros' celebration, so we'll enjoy some fellowship next year in Mexico at Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary (the place where I first began my ministry with MGMI in 1984) for our West Coast Staff Conference in 2025. I spent almost three years there before then General Director Dr. Richard Mercado asked me to relocate to Phoenix, where I have spent the last 37 years. It's been a privilege to serve the Lord and our MGMI team, and I pray the Lord will continue to give me the health and strength I need to be able to continue to do so!



On Thursday evening we ended the sessions with a cookout at the picnic shelter on the Faith campus. We invited Ben Lobach to come so that we could actually meet him in person! He took over handling our website several years ago, and I've emailed him often, but we had never met. A fun time for "Aunt Gail" was to get to see the Wokaty "kids" at



the picnic. Can't believe they are all grown up now!

Special thanks to Rhonda Groves for taking such wonderful pictures of our team and to Cindy Franklin at Faith who helped me a great deal with planning for months before and during the conference! We were also blessed by several volunteers who came and helped put out the food for our meals and then cleaned up for us. Thanks to them, I actually got to be in most of the sessions instead of being in the kitchen or office! And, of course, we are so grateful for Faith Baptist Church and their willingness to allow us to have our conference there. When I first started attending Faith in 1975, the church had no more than 35 people in attendance. Now the church has an amazing facility and is thriving with people being saved and joining the church regularly.

Since it was too busy last year for me to go back East to visit my brothers, I added two weeks vacation to the trip to spend time with my two brothers and their families. I am grateful to the Lord for His help with driving from Atlanta to Greenville; back to Atlanta; down to Byron, GA; and back up to Atlanta before flying home again. I stayed a couple of extra days in Greenville after the conference so that I could spend time with dear friends. It's always a joy to be able to fellowship with them. It was a busy time, but it was a tremendous blessing.

Trust each of you had a wonderful Eastertime and that the Lord is blessing you as you faithfully serve Him wherever and however He has called you.

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