



# MGMI International

Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



## News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

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*“Now therefore **fear** the Lord and **serve** Him in **sincerity** and in **faithfulness**. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.”*

*Joshua 24:14*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support for us as we do our short deputation to be able to continue serving our Lord in Mexico.

### August in Arizona

August 23<sup>rd</sup> was the date we set off for the USA for a short 3-ish month-long deputation. Ivan was invited to speak at a couples' retreat with the Evangelical Baptist Church, where he also spoke the following Sunday.



### Moments with More Members of MGMI

While in Phoenix, we had the opportunity to help Bro. Dan Wokaty, MGMI general director, with organization and filing at the Mission's Home Office. We also got to visit with Brian and Diana Hornor, also MGMI missionaries on deputation. MGMI missionary and office manager, Miss Gail Ereddia ("Aunt Gail" to Lizzy), graciously hosted us during our stay in Phoenix. We got to be there to celebrate her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with her!





### **Service in Sahuarita and Serenity in Sierra Vista**

After visiting the brethren in Sahuarita Baptist Church, we had the opportunity to spend a week in Sierra Vista, a small town in AZ where Lizzy was born. We were hosted in a cozy cabin on the side of a mountain, with a breathtaking view of the valley and mountains. It was a spiritually and physically refreshing time for us, and we thank the Lord and Grace Baptist Fellowship for the opportunity to be there and with them.



### **Memorable Missions Meetings**

What a blessing it was to participate in Northwest Valley Baptist Church's Missions Conference. Over the years they have served and supported the ministry in Hermosillo in many ways, and we were so blessed to be able to be with them for the first time, share the vision, and cherish our time with the brethren there.

### **Western Wanderings, Wishes and Worship**

We left Phoenix September 29 to continue our meetings out West. We appreciate your prayers for this upcoming month as we visit churches in Colorado, Wyoming, and possibly California.

We appreciate your prayers:

- For sufficient support to be able to return to Mexico and continue serving there
- For us to be a blessing and an encouragement to the people and churches we visit
- For safety on the road as we continue our travels
- That the Lord would use us to stir up more servants to serve Him in missions
- For sufficient appointments in November—we are still waiting for confirmation from some.
- We praise God for a huge, answered prayer request: Esau (the young man who came to study at IPES Bible College), as well as Lizzy and I, all obtained our religious visas to be able to continue in Mexico for longer periods of time.
- We praise God for The Evangelical Baptist Church, who decided to take us on as partners in ministry!

Again, thank you for your support and your prayers! May the Lord continue to bless you!

In Christ,

Ivan and Lizzy