



MGM International

Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

Dear Friends,

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We're thankful God is faithful to carry out His purpose to glorify His name on the earth and thankful for opportunities to get involved in His plan.

Anxiety and Depression Workshop with Chris Phillips

In March we had the privilege of hosting Bro. Chris Phillips for a workshop on Anxiety and Depression, with students, teachers, pastors and members of the churches attending. He also spoke in our counseling classes at the Bible college and held a session for pastors. We're thankful for a great turnout!



MGMI Mission Board Conference

The week following the workshop, we were in Phoenix, AZ, for our mission board's annual conference. This year we celebrated the transition of Dr. Dan Wokaty to our new director. We had a great time seeing co-laborers and witnessing the beginning of a new stage in this ministry.



Biblical Counseling Workshop in Guerrero

Once we returned home, we repacked our bags for Tlapa, Guerrero, in the heart of the mountains of Mexico. We took a plane, a bus and a taxi to arrive at a church where Pastor Sergio Tapia is seeking to prepare his people with a deeper understanding of God's Word and a better application of it in their lives. Both of us taught and gave counseling sessions all that week; and, though the trip was exhausting, we left rejoicing at what God is doing there.

Resurrection Sunday

We arrived back in Hermosillo just in time for family camp, topping it off with Easter Sunday, where we had the opportunity to go up on a hill with our church family and celebrate our Lord's resurrection with a sunrise service.



Chicago Mission Team in Mexico

The next day we had another special opportunity: the mission team from Independent Baptist Church, one of our supporting churches from Chicago, IL, came to Mexico to help with teaching and special music during our Bible Conference. The Lord blessed us immensely through the preaching given by Pastor Jack Lezza, one of the two main speakers for the evening sessions, and we also were blessed to hear Ivan's lifelong Costa-Rican friend, Danny Sanders, as well as our dear friend, Mike Donelson, preach for some of the morning sessions.



Melissa

We rejoice that Melissa, a young lady we had previously asked for your prayers for, made a profession of faith during these conferences, followed by believer's baptism that next Sunday. We continue to appreciate your prayers for her.

God gave us grace to make it through and was faithful to work in each of these opportunities. He was also faithful to remind us to stay at His feet, like Mary, and to not stay too focused "in the kitchen." Nonetheless, we do praise God for the opportunities He gives us to serve Him.

We appreciate your prayers for this month of May, as we finish up the school semester and get everyone and everything ready here for graduation at the Bible college.