



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

Dear Praying Friends,

Summer, 2022

We want to say thank you so much for your prayers for us this summer! We began our summer travels June 14, and 8,000+ miles later we are back in Mexico, thank the Lord. We praise God for His protection all along the way. We drove past the place where we had our car wreck last summer and had a sober moment remembering the event, but also thanking God over and over for His protection and care in our lives.

Though we would have loved to see all of you this summer, we mostly focused our trip on the East Coast. We did have the opportunity to stay for about a week in Phoenix, thanks to the hospitality of Aunt Gail, and we had our first meeting at The Evangelical Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Rubio. After doing a little bit of work on the car, we began our journey East. We were able to visit Aunt Donna in Arkansas and see Lizzy's cousins there, and from there we headed to Iglesia Bautista Tabernáculo, in Dalton, GA, where we had our next appointment with MGMI missionary Pastor Roberto Díaz. It was a blessing to see the work that the Lord is doing, and we are thankful for the opportunity that both Lizzy and I had to teach there. From Georgia we headed to Princeton, West Virginia, where we were able to spend some quality time with Lonnie and Sue Shinn and visit one of our supporting churches, Kegley Baptist, as well as present the ministry at Maranatha Baptist Church. Pastor Gregorio Murillo, also an MGMI missionary, invited us to preach for a youth conference at his church in Brooklyn, NY, and we praise God for what He is doing there, as well as for the quality time we were able to spend with fellow workers. Our next stop was a reunion with Lizzy's family in Kentucky at the Ark Encounter. It was a blessing to see the whole family together and to catch up with each other. From there we headed to South Carolina, where we spent a week and a half with Lizzy's sister Rachel and her husband Gabriel. Our final appointment was with Pastor David Keiser in Charlotte, NC. His wife, Roxana, was Lizzy's teacher when Lizzy was a little girl, so it was nice to reconnect with them. On July 26 we began our trip back to Hermosillo; and, after a stop to see family and a stay in Phoenix with Sister Irene Charlez, we arrived in Mexico on August 2.

We are thankful for God's faithfulness during our travels this summer. Each mile of the way the Lord protected us, every single day He provided for us, and every moment He reassured us that we can trust Him with every aspect of our lives. We are also thankful for the Christlike love we saw while spending time with each church, family member, and friend we visited. Thank you all for your prayers, support, and demonstrations of love. We are excited for another year of serving in Mexico, and we couldn't do it without your help. May the Lord continue to bless you and use each one of you for His Glory!

Prayer requests:

-We are getting ready to begin classes on August 30. Please pray for us and the rest of the staff and faculty at the Bible college and seminary. May the Lord use us for His glory and to be a godly example for the students.

-Please pray for strength and wisdom to have the facilities ready for the student body. Praise God we are expecting 24 new students for a total of around 60.

-For our financial support. We are still at around 30%.



Iglesia Bautista Bíblica - NC



Preaching at youth conference – Brooklyn, NY



Cochran Family Reunion – Ark Encounter - KY



Fellow MGMI Missionaries – Murillo Family - NY



The Shinns – more than friends, family! – Princeton, WV