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## News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

Dear Friends,

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A good portion of our lives is spent in waiting—waiting at stoplights, waiting at the doctor's office, waiting on others, and waiting for certain events to occur. Sometimes we can find the wait frustrating, because it isn't according to our plans, but we have learned that God's timing is perfect, and all goes according to His plan. On Sunday we celebrated an event that we have been waiting a long time for: Ebenezer Baptist Church had its charter service signaling its complete independence from Emanuel Baptist Church. This mission church has had several serious ups and downs over the years; and, although it has been functioning independently for the last several years, its status as an independent church is finally official. Please pray for Ebenezer Baptist Church to continue being a lighthouse shining forth the gospel.

This semester the Lord sent 45 full-time students and eight part-time students our way, 16 of whom are new this semester. There are three more young ladies making plans to begin their studies at the Bible college and seminary next semester. We thank the Lord for a good spirit and for a minimum number of cases of sickness this semester. Our newest members of the faculty, Lizzy (our daughter) and her husband Ivan Villalobos, have been a great blessing to both the Bible college and seminary and the church alike, willingly pitching in to help wherever needed as well as teaching, preaching, and taking charge of the young adults group at Emanuel Baptist.

In October we began having children's classes on Sunday as well as Wednesday night choir. We have had youth group as well as activities for the adults for about a year now; but, because of government restrictions, we have held off on children's classes at church until the children were allowed to have classes in person at the schools. As you pray for the church's ministries, please continue to pray for our Christian school as attendance dropped tremendously during this pandemic time, and we need more students to cover the salaries of our teachers. This school year we switched to another system for our high school, which consists of both online and in-person classes, which has worked well so far.

October is our missions month, and this year saw a rise in faith-promise giving. The pandemic set us back quite a bit, but thankfully the brethren were encouraged to once again participate in spreading the gospel throughout the world. Also in October we were invited to participate in the anniversary services of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in San Pedro de Rosal in the state of Mexico, pastored by IPES graduate Tomás de Jesús. In November we headed north for a conference at Highway Bible Church in Placerville, California, pastored by another IPES grad, Joe Rubio. One of our greatest joys in the ministry is to see our graduates faithfully serving God in the areas He has placed them; and, when we are invited to conferences in their churches, we feel we're the ones who receive the greater blessing. Please continue praying for our graduates as well as our church members to remain solid in the faith and to serve the Lord with their whole hearts.

Bro. Issac Luna and his family have been faithfully ministering in Mazatan while awaiting their departure date for Africa. Their current plans are to travel in the first months of the new year and head to Ghana, Africa, where they will have a time of adjustment to African culture, climate, and English. Please pray for the mission in Mazatán as well as Molino, that the Lord would send more workers for each.

As 2022 approaches, Psalm 27:14 reminds us to face a new year trusting and waiting on the Lord: "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." May the Lord strengthen you and fill your heart with hope as you continue to trust in His goodness, power, provision, and perfect timing.

In Christ in Mexico,

Ron and Jackie Cochran