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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

Dear Friends,

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The more years we accumulate under our belt, the faster time seems to fly by. It seems like yesterday we were getting ready for a new school year, and now this fall semester is almost finished. Besides the usual activities of preaching and teaching in the church and Bible college and seminary, these months have been sprinkled with several other activities and highlights.

At the Bible college and seminary, we began this semester with 15 new students; at present we have 54 full-time students and ten part-time students. We thank the Lord for this influx of new students. Thankfully, we were able to complete the remodel of the old men's dormitory and fit all the men in there and utilize the second-floor dormitories of the other two buildings to house the young ladies. As to the construction/remodel project we mentioned before, we have been held up because of some issues with the documents on the property. Getting these issues resolved takes a long time, and we are still waiting for word from the notary office on how to resolve the issue. We appreciate your continued prayers for this project.

This September we had the joy of seeing Josué Guzmán, our academic dean, get ordained in preparation for taking over the pastorship of a sister church, Iglesia Bautista Cordero de Dios (Lamb of God Baptist Church). Their pastor, Octavio Dávalos, was called to serve as pastor in Navolato, Sinaloa, at Iglesia Bautista Independiente Horeb, the church where fellow missionary Tap Hornor has served as interim pastor since 2017. Please pray for both churches and pastors, as they continue with the adjustments that come with such changes.

In addition to changes in other churches, October also brought our annual missions conference at Emanuel Baptist and a trip to Mexico City. Bro Alfredo Diaz, husband of one of our graduates, spoke at the conference in addition to two other missionary couples. How thankful we are that this year the faith promises increased enough to take on three new missionaries and increase the support of others! Following the missions conference, we have been emphasizing reaching not only the uttermost parts of the earth, but also our Jerusalem, encouraging our people to reach their neighbors and relatives with the gospel. Two days after the missions conference ended, we headed south to Mexico City for a couples retreat held by Iglesia Bautista Palabra Viva (Living Word Baptist Church), where IPES graduate Rafael García is the pastor. Following the retreat (where both Ron and Jackie taught), Ron preached four times at the church. Please pray especially for the pastor's son, Mateo (12 years old) who had an almost immediate reaction to the Covid booster and now is paralyzed, leaving all the doctors stumped as to what is going on in his body.

As we mentioned, finals at the Bible college and seminary are upon us, ending another semester in which we have seen God's faithfulness and goodness towards us over and over. Please pray for our students to be used of God for His glory, for the postgrad class on youth work coming up in January, and for the beginning of a new semester. We have several prospective new students and request your prayers for them to make the right decision for this coming semester, as well as for our returning students.

Whether your days pass quickly or slowly, may God continue to bless and use you for His honor and glory.

In Christ in Mexico,
Ron and Jackie Cochran