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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

A passage that comes to mind as we consider what the Lord has been doing this fall is Ephesians 6:10-18, which speaks of our preparation for the spiritual battle each Christian is involved in. The school year for our Christian school began August 28 with preschool, elementary, and junior high. The junior high, which meets in the afternoon, reinitiated with fifteen students. This year Jackie is helping out with some of the English classes—her first time for teaching ESL to students twelve to fourteen years of age (several in this group were her students years ago in kindergarten). Please continue to pray for each student, parent and teacher involved in the schools and for sufficient students to support this vital ministry of equipping these young lives to stand firm against increasing deceptions, lies, and spiritual attacks.

We began classes August 29 at the Bible college with 64 students, 12 of whom are new this semester. As we begin each new school year, we are reminded once again of God's charge to commit what we have learned of Him to faithful men so that they can pass it along to the succeeding generations, preparing servant-leaders to go forth into the battle with sound doctrine, a life that demonstrates a new creature in Christ, and an evangelistic fervor to reach the lost world.

This fall the Lord gave us the opportunity to participate in three different conferences, each with a different focus. The first was a missions conference at Front Range Baptist Church in Ft. Collins, Colorado. We were able to give a presentation at the English-speaking church, and Ron preached the morning service for the Hispanic church. Rodrigo and Laila Victoria, graduates of Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary, were also participants in the missions conference, along with several other missionaries, including a veteran missionary from India. Seeing what the Lord is doing in other countries around the world as well as fellowshiping with the young missionaries heading to the field was a great blessing to us, as well as the time spent with Bro. Marco Zapien his wife Ana and the members of the Hispanic church.

The second trip took us south to Leon, Guanajuato, the shoe capital of Mexico, to give a conference on the family at the Crown of Life Baptist Church, a church that began just six years ago. Our time with Pastor Alfredo Diaz, his wife Karla (an Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary graduate), and their family, as well as the church family, was a great blessing. Not only walking by store after store of shoes, but also seeing the families in the church visiting in their own neighborhoods and bringing souls to Christ reminded us of the admonition to have our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Our third and shortest trip was to Obregon, a city three hours south of us, for the anniversary service of Maranatha Baptist Church. It was a joy not only to see many familiar faces we have met and gotten to know over the years, but it was also a joy to see new families attending and church members who are bringing lost friends and relatives to hear the gospel.

Coming up in November are several activities: our church's missions conference, this year with an emphasis on reaching our Judea (the ranch and agricultural towns in Sonora) and one last trip north to Phoenix to participate in the Evangelical Baptist Church's anniversary service. Please pray for these services and for our group from the Bible college and seminary to be a blessing to the church.

Please pray for two families that are currently raising support to continue in the spiritual battle in the places God has called them to respectively. The Luna family, who served previously in Ghana and returned to Mexico for treatment of a tumor, is currently raising more support to return to Africa, but this time to South Sudan. Their cost of living will be double what it was in Ghana, so please pray they will be able to raise the additional funds quickly. The second family, our daughter Lizzy and her husband Ivan, are currently raising support to be able to continue serving with us at Emanuel Baptist Church and Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May God bless you as you put on the spiritual armor and participate in the battle for God's glory.

In Christ in Mexico,

Ron and Jackie Cochran