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## News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

Several years ago, our church began a Bible club in a neighborhood called Universidad. While knocking on doors and inviting children to the club, several ladies came across a pre-teen girl named Milagros who, along with her parents, was staying at her grandma's house. She began attending the Bible club and soon was genuinely saved. The family moved to another house, but Milagros still tried to go to Grandma Socorro's house on Saturdays so that she could attend the club. When she became a teenager, she also began attending youth group and church services. Recently, both her mother and grandmother have made professions of faith. Milagros is now fifteen, sings in the choir, and faithfully attends all the services she can, which is sometimes difficult for her because Milagros is blind and depends on others to get where she needs to go. She may physically not be able to see, but spiritually, her eyes, heart, and mind are wide open to receive the Word of truth. Milagros's life is a reminder that we live in a world blinded by sin, but the light of the glorious gospel can shine in the heart of the soul wandering in darkness. It also reminds us that we never know what God will do in the lives of little ones who hear the gospel in a club or class, and our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

January has been a busy month for us as we began a new semester at Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary. This semester, Ron is teaching an additional class, Homiletics, along with his usual academic classes: Pastoral Ministry and The Christian Family. Last semester he added a practical class, Mechanics, and continues teaching it this semester. Jackie also added a class this semester. Besides teaching The Pastor's Wife class, she is once again teaching English at the college and continues giving a conversation class once a week at the middle school. January 31-February 2 was our *Let's Get Acquainted Days* at the Bible college, with 57 young people attending classes, chapel, and preaching services during those days. We heard of several prospective students who have definitely decided to come to the college for the fall semester, and we trust that God will continue working in the hearts of our young people as He invites them to participate in the harvest.

February continues to be full of activities, including missions conferences at local churches, adult banquets both at our church and a sister church, and missions trips to the towns of Molino and Mazatán. Jackie has had the opportunity to give devotionals at baby showers and, coming up in March, is a ladies conference hosted by a sister church in which both Jackie and our daughter Lizzy will be participating. Also coming up in March is another missions trip, a couples' retreat, and family camp during the three days preceding Easter. In April is our annual Bible conference. Please pray for each of these activities, that God will be glorified, and that the gospel will reach the hearts of those attending.



In these last few months, we have seen many requests both for life-threatening medical situations, as well as God's gracious answers to the prayers of many. In December, Enoc Martinez, one of our married students, was hit by a car while crossing the highway. While the initial outlook was very bleak, God graciously answered prayers, and he was released from the hospital in January. Several weeks ago, he had to have an emergency operation on his trachea because of

his body's reaction to the tracheotomy performed on him after the accident. He is now recuperating back home.

In January, one of our church members, Iberica Puc, was rushed to the hospital because of a large stone that was causing necrosis of a duct and part of the intestine, resulting in sepsis. The Lord again answered prayer; and, after a long stay in the hospital, she was finally released a couple weeks ago and was able to go back to work this week.



During this month we also received word that one of the charter members of Emanuel Baptist, Josefina Gutierrez, has two cancerous tumors in her colon. We went to visit her the day the results of the biopsy were revealed and found her joyful, praising the Lord for allowing this sickness in her life. She has been praying fervently for family members who are either unsaved or far from the Lord, and she is praising God for using her in this trial to answer her prayers. Please pray for Enoc and Iberica as they continue recuperating and for Josefina, who will soon start treatment, and her friends and family.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. May you continue loving and serving our gracious Lord, spreading the gospel light both at home and abroad.

In Christ in Mexico,  
Ron and Jackie Cochran