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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

As we enter September each year, many friends and family members publish their anticipation of pumpkin lattes, apple fritters, and other autumn goodies that signal the beginning of the fall season. Our anticipation here in Hermosillo is that soon the daytime temperatures will drop from the 100's down into the 90's and, in a month or two, the electric bills will go down also. But an even greater anticipation we feel as we start up a new school year is what the Lord is going to do in the lives of these young people, from the little ones learning to stay quietly in their seats to the big ones preparing to serve the Lord full-time.

We finished off the school year with graduation in July and with the prayer request for sufficient students to keep the Christian school open. Thankfully, we reached the minimum number necessary and are continuing forward on all levels. At the Bible college and seminary, we have ten new students, one of whom is originally from our church. Please pray for Enrique, Uriel, Monserrat, Keren, Diego, Rebeca, Silvia, Raul, Yeraldi, and Abril as they adjust to the schedule and life at IPES.

In our last letter, we mentioned the upcoming arrival of the missions team from Northwest Valley Baptist Church. One of the ways in which they participated in the ministry was through music and were able to be a part of our Sunday evening service in the city park located a block away from the church. Pre-pandemic, we occasionally took one Sunday evening every several months to go to the park and put on a service with music, Scripture reading, and preaching of the Word. Right at the time we began planning to start up the services again post-pandemic, the officials closed the park for a big remodeling project. The park reopened finally in late spring. Although now we are not allowed to pass out tracts within the park, we can pass them out around the park perimeter and witness to people within the park. Thankfully, we have been able to get permission to hold services at the acoustic stage within the park, so we held services there once in June and once in August, with plans to hold a service there in October and December. Please pray that we will be able to continue this ministry and reach those who visit the park with the gospel.

During the month of July, we had the opportunity to visit family and friends, individual supporters, and two supporting churches. The Lord protected us as we drove around 7500 miles, heading as far east and north as Virginia Beach. Apart from dealing with raccoons

invading our daughter's chicken coop, we had an uneventful summer, rejoicing in God's answers to several prayer requests we have had for some time.

We continue sending a group out each week to Mazatán. Isaac Luna has been helping out with this ministry, training the other workers whenever he is not out on deputation. As in many of the small towns, the work grows slowly, forming relationships with the people to gain their trust and their ear to listen to the gospel. This spring the man in charge of the mission in Molino moved to another city, but thankfully another church member who also works in the mission has kept the work going. Alan's enthusiasm and motivation to see this ministry grow has been a great blessing. During this month's mini-missions trip, we will be concentrating on evangelizing in Molino and the surrounding towns. In Tres Reynas, the mission church on the south side of Hermosillo, the brethren are rejoicing because the building finally has electricity and can now use fans to help bear the Sonoran heat. Please pray for the mission churches in Mazatán, Molino, and Tres Reynas and the Bible clubs in the neighborhoods of Piedra Bola and Universidad. Please pray also for Eunice, one of our young ladies who serves in the Universidad Bible club; she was recently diagnosed with cancer and will be returning to her home in Reynosa, Tamaulipas for treatment.

As we enter the fall season, may your hope and anticipation also be in our good Lord and what He has planned in the lives of His children. May God bless and continue to use you for His glory.

In Christ in Mexico,
Ron and Jackie Cochran