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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

There are many times in our lives when God changes our plans to fit His plan, times when we can learn to trust and follow Him, knowing our good God is in control and will work all things for His glory. These last three months have brought several changes and with them, opportunities to continue praying and trusting God to do His will. Since last year we have been working on making needed changes to the religious association that gives legal standing before the government to Emanuel Baptist, its mission churches, and its ministers (including fellow missionaries in need of religious visas). The association was formed in 1993, and almost all the original members of the association's board have either died, moved away, or are attending other churches. Only the legal representative, Ubaldo Burruel, was left alive, so we submitted papers to change the members of the association board, including the legal representative. While waiting for a reply to the submitted documents, Bro. Burruel suddenly died. The documents are being held up pending changes the government asked us to make, and Bro. Burruel's death has left us without a legal representative—basically in legal limbo. Please pray for wisdom and grace in the eyes of the officials as we deal with these issues. We know God's timing is perfect in when He takes His servants home to heaven, and we trust He will work out this situation for His glory and our good.

We have had a busy spring full of conferences and camps. In March, Jackie and our daughter Lizzy participated in a ladies' conference, and we had family camp at the property of one of the church members. In April, we had our annual Bible conference, this year with an emphasis on discipleship. Before Easter, Ron had a checkup with his urologist because of elevated PSA numbers, so his doctor ordered an MRI. When the results came back, he notified Ron that he needed to have a biopsy done as soon as possible, so we ended up making two trips up to Phoenix in April and May to have the procedure done there under Medicare coverage. Because of Ron's family history, we were expecting to have to make another trip up in June for surgery, but God had other plans, and the biopsy came back negative! We thank God for His goodness in sparing Ron from cancer.

On the tail end of the second trip to Phoenix, we traveled to New York City for Jackie to participate in another ladies' conference, where 14 different Hispanic churches participated with over 250 ladies present, and Ron preached three times at the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Habla Española in Brooklyn. The trip was a great blessing and challenge to us as we ministered and fellowshiped with brethren from many different countries.

May is graduation month, and on May 3 we were able to watch livestream as our son-in-law, Gabriel Flores, graduated from Bob Jones University with a doctorate in New Testament Theology. Please pray for wisdom as they consider the next step in ministry. IPE Bible College and Seminary's graduation was the week we returned from New York, on May 24. This year we had five students graduate: Josue Andrade, Jessica Gonzalez, Miguel Morales, Cielo Santillan, and Dulce Saucedo. Please pray for them as they continue to serve the Lord in this new phase of life.

We have several young men from our church who are current students at the Bible college. Ron has the privilege of working closely with two of them this summer in varied aspects of the ministry, including everything from preaching to painting, visitation including door-to-door, follow-up on visitors, and calling and visiting "lost sheep," dealing with pest problems, helping needy church members, cleaning, and anything else that presents itself in the maintenance and running of a church. Please pray for Alberto and Carlos, that the Lord will continue to use them for His honor and glory as well as to grow them in their love for Christ and His work. Also, this summer we will have a visiting group from Northwest Valley Baptist Church who will minister in both the church and Bible college with youth rallies, special music, and hands-on maintenance.

Besides the requests already mentioned, please pray with us for the following requests: Jackie will be helping out part time with projects for the MGMI home office and needs wisdom and grace to do a good job; for school graduations and youth camp coming up in July and VBS in August; for the remodeling plan at the Bible college that includes a new boys' dorm and offices that is still on hold because of a section of the property that wasn't properly deeded. Please pray especially for our Christian school; we are in great need of teachers and students in order to keep the school functioning.

Our lives are constantly changing, but we are in the hand of the One who loves us and died for us. Thank you for being used of Him in faithfully praying for and supporting the ministry here in Hermosillo. May the Lord continue to use you for His glory!

In Christ in Mexico,

Ron and Jackie Cochran