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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

Dear Friends,

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When we were children, the days, weeks, and months passed slowly; summer vacation seemed to stretch out endlessly, and we were ready to head back to school after a long season of fun and freedom from classes. Several decades later, two months feels like two weeks or even two days. These last few months have rushed by without an update from us, so we would like to give you our spring and summer news.

This spring was full of blessings: a good Bible conference, well-attended ladies' and men's meetings each month, nine students graduating in May with a bachelor's degree in Bible from the Bible college, and an excellent post-grad class on hermeneutics given by Dr. Ken Casillas. At the end of June, Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos took a group of students and faculty to Costa Rica, starting off their time there diligently serving in youth camp and junior camp and then serving in several different churches in the areas of preaching, teaching, and music. In both camps they saw young people put their faith in Christ, and several brethren expressed a desire for more training in the area of music.

On June 27 we flew from Phoenix to Greenville, SC, for the birth of our seventh grandchild; and, while we were in flight, Miriam Aileen made her appearance. We were able to spend three weeks with Rachel and Gabriel, helping out with all three grandchildren and wherever else needed. Ron had several opportunities to preach in Spanish while there, first in Greenville at the Iglesia Bautista Nuevo Amanecer, which is the Hispanic ministry of Morningside Baptist; then the following Sunday at Iglesia Bautista Victoria in Wingate, North Carolina, pastored by former faculty member Fernando Montt. Both Ron and Jackie had the opportunity to teach in divided sessions during the Sunday School hour, and Ron preached the morning and evening services. On July 18 we flew back to Phoenix to pick up our car to head to Colorado to visit supporting churches as well as Jackie's family. Ron preached and gave an update on the ministry at our sending church, Red Rocks Baptist; then we crossed the Great Divide to the western slope to visit Jackie's sister Becky, who has MS. Our time with Becky was extra special because their oldest sister Donna flew out from Arkansas to spend a few days with her siblings, making this the first time since 2010 that all three sisters were together. After preaching in Grand Junction and giving an update at Tri-City Baptist in Westminster, we began our trip back home, stopping to visit more of Jackie's relatives. Meanwhile, back in Mexico, the ministry continued forward with the graduation ceremonies of our kindergarten and elementary school. About the same time, our youth pastor and young people traveled to Monterrey for youth camp, and we arrived in Hermosillo at the end of VBS. We thank God for the capable men who covered the pulpit ministry and led the church during our absence, and we rejoice in the growth we have seen in our church leaders and members who helped in each of these ministries.

On August 15 our in-service training for the Bible college faculty and staff will begin, and we are welcoming three new members: Tony Manzano, Karla Morales, and Chuyita Diaz. The following week the students arrive for registration. At the time of this writing, we have nine prospective students, one of whom has already arrived in Hermosillo. Esau came with Ivan and Lizzy from Costa Rica to begin his preparation at the Bible college. The last week of August both our Christian school and Bible college will be starting classes. This year we are reinitiating our junior high. Please pray for each student and teacher as we start this new school year, that God would be glorified in each of these ministries and that He would send more students. Also, please pray especially about the alarming changes being made in the official curriculum for grades K-12, promoting a non-biblical stance on the family as well as personal identity.

Thank you for your participation in God's work in Hermosillo through your prayers and support. May God continue to use you for His honor and glory.

In Christ in Mexico, Ron and Jackie Cochran