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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

As we started 2020, we were expecting a year full of travels, both by plane and car, but how our plans changed, and what a ride the events of 2020 took us all on! Our summer plans were canceled, and only an unplanned trip to Virginia for the death of Ron's mom took us out of Hermosillo during that time. In the fall, as the pandemic waned in force, we were able to make one trip in October to San Pedro del Rosal in the state of Mexico for the ordination of two faithful men, trained and serving in mission churches under the leadership of Institute graduate Tomás de Jesús, who has been planting churches throughout the state of Mexico for more than 15 years. How thankful we are for these faithful men God has raised up to reach their generation! Please pray for Bro. Tomás and his church, Monte Moriah; during this last upsurge in the covid-19 pandemic, several members contracted the virus, and two that we knew personally went to be with the Lord.

In spite of the pandemic, January 4-8 the Institute was able to host the post-grad class, Old Testament Theology, given by Dr. Ken Casillas. The class was a great blessing to pastors and full-time workers alike. How thankful we are for the seminary ministry that challenges and encourages God's servants to continue growing in grace and knowledge of Christ!

The colder weather has brought with it an upsurge in viral infections, and our city is once again under curfew and restricted numbers in the services. In spite of the current situation, we were able to begin second semester with 32 students present; we are transmitting a limited number of classes and therefore asked the students to be present rather than take their classes virtually this semester. It has been a blessing to finally meet the new virtual students face-to-face from first semester, and the Lord also sent us a new student this semester, Valeria Ku, from Yucatan. Please pray that the Lord will bless and use these young people for His glory.

This fall and winter we have had the opportunity and blessing to go and minister bimonthly in Molino de Camoú. During the first part of January, we had a workday to prepare the building for a permanent roof, and there are several more workdays scheduled. Please pray for provision, for workers not only for construction but also for visitation, and for more of the people who attended prior to the pandemic to be encouraged to return as well as others added. We understand that the town is growing. Since Molino is about thirty minutes from Hermosillo, many people are moving into the area, giving us an opportunity to speak to people that perhaps have not heard the gospel before. Please pray as we try to reach Molino and the neighboring towns with the good news of salvation.

The mission in Tres Reinas has continued meeting since August and is growing in number. Please pray for Jesús and María Luisa Lopez, who lead that ministry; Ivan Pacheco, an Institute student who does a lot of the preaching; and the other families from Emanuel who also serve in visitation, preaching, and music ministries.

Although we don't know what is down the road for us in the following months, we are tentatively planning for our annual Bible Conference (that we had to cancel last year), the ordination of Bro. Francisco Garcia, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, as well as two weddings—one in March and one in April. Last year we also had to cancel graduation and all the events surrounding it, but we trust that this year we will be able to proceed as normal, sending more workers out into the harvest.

On the home front, we have another grandson on the way, due at the beginning of May, so Jackie will most likely be missing graduation to go and assist Rachel and her family. How thankful we are for each “arrow” God adds to our children’s “quivers”!

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. Please continue praying for Emanuel Baptist Church, the mission churches in Molino and Tres Reinas, and Ebenezer Bible Institute and Seminary. May God richly bless and use you for His glory as you serve Him.

In Christ in Mexico,

Ron and Jackie Cochran



Ordination in San Pedro del Rosal, post-grad class with Dr. Ken Casillas, work on the mission building in Molino, ladies making tortillas and cooking tamales for the workers in Molino.