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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Dear Friends,

One of the exciting things about serving God is to see how He orchestrates our lives, putting us in the paths of different people, some of whom we would not have met otherwise. In June we had the privilege of giving a family conference in a small church in Jiutepec, Morelos, pastored by Miguel Flores, our son-in-law Gabriel's brother. The day after the conference finished, Miguel, his wife Angeles (an Institute grad), and their two boys took us sightseeing in several nearby villages. In one of those towns, we decided to get some lunch at the marketplace, and by chance Angeles chose a stand that was run by a lady and her daughter. It turns out they were Christians who attended a Baptist church in the area, and the daughter and her husband had heard of the Bible college and were considering coming. Please pray for Sandra and Enoc, that God will show them His will concerning further preparation.

This year we were able to hold graduations for K-12 in July. Most, if not all, private schools in Mexico have suffered from the effects of the pandemic, with many being forced to close for lack of students, and K-12 students have still not been able to return to in-person classes. Please pray for us having started the school year online, that we would soon be able to hold classes in person and would have enough students to cover the costs of operation. On the high school level, we are changing our format to provide a more affordable but still Christian education with the hope of being able to continue offering this level of classes.

Our travels this summer have not only allowed us to meet and minister to new acquaintances, but also have given us the opportunity to see old friends at a missions conference in our sending church, Red Rocks Baptist Church, and to catch up on what God is doing in theirs and their families' lives. In July and the beginning of August we were able to hold two family conferences in two Hispanic ministries in the northern part of Colorado. The first meeting was in Greeley at Faith Bible Baptist Church, where IPES graduate Alejandro Hernandez and his wife Anaí have been ministering for the past several years. The Lord is using their faithful service in both the Hispanic and the American church. Just a few weeks ago Anaí learned she has cancer and is currently going through treatments. Please pray for Anaí and her family during this difficult time. Our second family conference was in Ft. Collins, where Marco Zapien and his wife and family have been planting and serving in the Hispanic ministry of Front Range Baptist Church since the fall of 2013. This ministry has grown tremendously, and this summer we had the privilege of ministering to the students at their Bible Institute on the last night of this term. What a thrill it was to see this group of 20 students, many of them couples, and rejoice with them over God's work in their lives! Several of these couples and young people feel that God is calling them to serve full-time. Please pray for each student to continue serving God faithfully and to grow in grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Some unexpected new acquaintances we made on this trip are due to the car problems that occurred on this final trip of the summer. Despite the usual maintenance on the car we do before heading out on a road trip, several new problems occurred that have allowed us to meet and witness to mechanics in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado, as well as meet the Hispanic pastor in Colorado Springs, Bro. Amaro, serving at Grace Baptist Church, who lent us his car so that we could make it to our meeting in Greeley. How thankful we are for each person God placed in our path and for His guidance and provision each step of the way! At our last meeting of the summer in Casper Wyoming, the Lord

gave us a great time of fellowship with the brethren of Liberty Baptist Church, and also with the brethren of Immanuel Baptist Church who joined us in the evening service.

With the beginning of a new semester, we are becoming acquainted with the new students the Lord has sent our way. Currently we have 14 new students who have joined our student body, giving us a total of 45 this semester. We ask for your prayers for each of them as they seek and do God's will. We are also praising the Lord for allowing us to begin this semester with two new faculty members—our daughter Lizzy and her husband Ivan, as we mentioned in our last letter. Ivan and Lizzy spent the month of July visiting family, friends, and churches, and are now with us in Hermosillo preparing for the new semester. Please continue to pray for the Lord's provision of adequate support and His wisdom as they help in the expansion of the Bible college and seminary's counseling program. They have come by faith with just one supporting church and some funds saved up to last through the school year. They will be doing more deputation next summer.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May the Lord continue to bless and use you as you serve Him for His glory.

In Christ in Mexico,

Ron and Jackie Cochran