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We thank our Lord Jesus Christ for His abundant mercies toward us, especially in His kind provision of faithful partners and encouragers in the work. Although the last few years have seen our ministry location change to International Baptist College and Seminary in Chandler, Arizona, our hearts are still drawn to the great need and opportunity of equipping faithful men on the mission field.

In fact, God has worked in wonderful ways as He has allowed the ministry here to have a ripple effect on the mission field and even has opened doors for direct ministry there. One of my former graduate students, Shay Babalola from Nigeria, has seen the blessings of the Lord upon his work back in his home country. Last spring, while Shay was on furlough in the United States, he asked if I would come and teach a group of pastors. I was delighted to do so, the prospect in a sense closing the circle for my involvement in missions. My first significant international ministry was thirty years ago, teaching pastors in the Dominican Republic. Since then, I have been able to equip future leaders in person in Mexico, Central and South America, India, and now in Africa.

Toward the end of July, I traveled to Nigeria to be with Pastor Shay in his city of Oyo, Nigeria. I was greatly heartened by the work. The day after I arrived, Pastor Shay took me to see nearby property the church has purchased and on which they hope to build. In addition, the Lord granted them the opportunity to build an orphan house and provided funds for the construction of a beautiful facility that (if I remember correctly) can house up to 24 orphans. They have received their approval and are looking to open soon. Please pray for them. Their greatest immediate need is for a backup power system (because the public grid experiences blackouts). Pastor Babalola estimates that an appropriate system will cost about ten thousand dollars.

On Sunday, I preached at Mainland Baptist, a church that regularly fills its rented meeting space. The ministry also airs a radio broadcast twice weekly, and I was able to preach the Gospel over the radio on Monday evening. During the week, around fifty pastors from across Nigeria attended two and a half days of training. I led sessions on preaching Christ from the Old Testament in the mornings and Biblical leadership in the evenings. Many pastors expressed a desire for further preparation. Dr. Kristopher Endean will visit in September to help with their youth camp and to

teach additional sessions. Pray for wisdom as we continue equipping these pastors. More information about the Babalolas' ministry is available on their [Facebook page](#).

Please pray for them and the other dear believers in Nigeria, which is one of the most dangerous countries in the world for Christians. When I was there things seemed relatively secure where the Babalolas are serving, but their safety and the prosperity of their work need our earnest intercession.

In addition to the Nigerian trip, I have a teaching trip planned for October to go to the state of Hidalgo, Mexico, to teach at the Alfa y Omega Bible Baptist College headed by Benito Hernandez. I taught eschatology there seven years ago, and Pastor Hernandez has invited me back to teach a graduate class in Old Testament Introduction.

A thousand thanks to all of you who have prayed for us and our ministry at IBCS. It has been a joy to now be able to take some mission trips. I am going out under the auspices of TEAM Mobile Seminary, a ministry of Mexican Gospel Mission, with whom we have been missionaries for twenty years. Thanks also to those who have continued to provide supplemental support for our family.

If you would like to contribute toward the expenses of these trips and others like them, you can give through [TEAM Mobile Seminary with Mexican Gospel Mission International](#). Please designate any gifts toward *Shumate Mission Trips*.

If you would like to contribute toward the needs of the orphanage ministry in Oyo, Nigeria, you can do so through [International Baptist Mission](#).

Thank you all for your kindness, prayers, and faithful partnership in the Great Commission, not only in Latin America but around the world.

May the Lord abundantly bless you.
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