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Dear Partners in the Work of MGMI,

As you can see from the following short reports from our missionaries, the Lord is working and His servants are busy serving the King of Kings. Praise God for the spiritual victories won and for the strength given for the team to keep pressing ahead.

## ***The Church-Planting Team***

### **Tap and Denise Hornor (Sinaloa, Mexico)**

What a joy it is to see firsthand the Lord working in and among us! On February 17 La Iglesia Betel hosted its annual Couples Only Evangelistic Banquet. Twenty-eight visitors enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the church members and viewed the film *Courageous*. One lady, Mitzli, made a profession of faith and another couple, Orlando and Eli, have returned to attend other services. The guests included one of our best business contacts from Guamúchil, Aurelio and Mélida. We have witnessed to this couple for years. Pray for this couple and for others who heard the gospel as we follow up with them.

### **Brian and Diana Hornor (Sinaloa, Mexico)**

We rejoice in the Lord for His perfect timing! After about two-and-a-half years of deputation, the Lord has brought us safely to our place of service. We arrived in Sinaloa, Mexico, on November 12, 2011. The Lord has graciously provided us with a house that we are renting and enough monthly support to live and serve Him. We

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thank you very much for your prayers. We are excited about God's work here in central Sinaloa and especially at the church plant in the city of Guamúchil. Please continue to pray for the Hornor family as we serve the Lord in Alhuey, Guamúchil, and Tamazula.

### **Jacinto and Rebecca Aguilar (Columbia, SC)**

In 2011 we added three new Sunday school classes with several of our people becoming teachers for the very first time. There were over 30 professions of faith in our services, as well as many saved on door-to-door visitation and other outreaches. Ten people studied in our video classes from the Seminario Bautista Panamericano, and one person completed the three-year Bible course. This year we would like to start Bible studies in different areas with the goal of reaching more people with the gospel and possibly starting mission churches in nearby cities.

### **Marco Polo and Ana Cecilia Zapien (Sinaloa, Mexico)**

We hope God's grace is abounding in your life! We would like to thank you for your prayers and for your interest in our ministry. In December we had the privilege of directing our church's Christmas cantata which had an evangelistic purpose. We praise the Lord for the good number of church folk and visitors that attended! During the invitation a person raised his hand to get saved! At the end of the month we participated in an end-of-the-year service but were not able to stay up till midnight due to the violence in our area.

In the month of January we handed over our ministries and began raising support for our future ministry in the Denver, Colorado, area. The Lord allowed us to visit six churches, and we praise Him for the good fellowship we had. In February I attended our mission's annual conferences where Jeff Musgrave challenged us about effective evangelism. It was a great blessing to hear and receive instruction on the importance of soul winning and discipleship. We thank you again for your prayers!

## ***Ebenezer Bible College Team***

### **Keith and Lourdes Huhta**

We have had an excellent beginning to 2012 and the new spring semester with special events in back-to-back weeks. For the first time ever, during the third week of January we held both men and women's post-graduate classes, allowing for pastors and their wives to take classes at the same time. Of course, single graduates of the Institute were also enrolled in both classes, and there is a certain opportunity to take advantage of that as well! We had a total of fifty between both classes, and the response was very enthusiastic. The following week combined the first week of classes for the semester with our annual Friendship Days, where young people from many parts of Mexico, and even the United States, travel to the Institute to learn

about college life and commitment to Jesus Christ. We have been surprised again this year with a large group with much enthusiasm, especially in our own student body for receiving and hosting these young people. It seems very apparent that the Lord has been at work.

### **Ron and Jackie Cochran**

2012 has gotten off to a busy start, with many activities in the different ministries. The mission in Mazatán celebrated its one-year anniversary—a year of blessings as well as setbacks. Our Christian schools began the new semester on all levels, and we trust the Lord to bless and use these ministries in the lives of students, teachers, and parents for His glory. The Institute's second semester began with great post-grad classes given by Pastor and Mrs. Will Senn, and the week following was our annual Friendship Days, when our attendance swells with the addition of prospective students. This year there were well over 50 visitors attending from six different states in Mexico as well as from Arizona. May the Lord call out many more servants for His harvest. February began with our annual missions meeting, this year in Arizona. Jeff and Anna Musgrave blessed our hearts with the presentation of their evangelism/discipleship program, *The Exchange*. The week following the Lord blessed our adult banquet with an attendance of 80 people—close to double the number that attended last year! We appreciate your prayers for the visitors present who heard the Good News of salvation.

### **Dan and Opal Wokaty**

*Ebenezer Bible College:* In January, we were able to have a class for the pastors as well as one for our female graduates. Dr. Will Senn taught the men on the pastor's role in discipleship, and Mrs. Senn taught on the biblical role of the woman. This was the same week of registration for our undergraduate students. We welcomed two new students this semester, as well as two students who were not enrolled in the first semester but returned to continue their preparation. We have approximately 75 people taking private lessons this semester. This semester, Opal is giving private piano lessons to the student-teachers, and Dan is teaching Methods of Bible Study II, Bible Panorama, Doctrinal Seminar (the doctrinal thesis class), and Life of Christ.

*Ebenezer Baptist Church:* The last day of the year 2011, five of the men in the church gave challenges to the congregation: two of the men were Ebenezer Bible College graduates, one is a current student, one is a man who has been with the church from the beginning, and one is a young man who has been faithfully active in the church and was able to share his first challenge that evening.

## ***Missionary Evangelists***

### **Dick and Margine Mercado (International Representative)**

How very thankful to the Lord we are for ongoing opportunities to serve our faithful

and worthy Lord in the ministry of the Word. Our preaching itinerary for 2012 continues to grow and invitations have been coming in from Hispanic churches in the Carolinas, New York City, Florida, and Costa Rica. Your ongoing prayers for us that the Lord may grant us "fresh oil" anointing by His Spirit, as well as physical strength and energy for the work are so very much appreciated. Maranatha!

### **Bacilio and Eunice Alfaro (Missionary Evangelist to the Hispanic World)**

In recent months we have traveled to New York, Texas, California, and North Carolina, as well as to the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Mexico, Peru, and Panama. Our upcoming calendar is full, as usual. Please pray that the Lord will continue to give us strength and spiritual discernment as we labor in the Hispanic world for the glory of God.

In the month of March Bacilio will be helping Marco Polo Zapien in a deputation ministry in Colorado with the goal of beginning a Hispanic church in the Commerce, Colorado, area that is 80% Latino. Please pray that the Lord will lay it on the hearts of God's people to support them as he and his family begin this endeavor.

We have had the privilege to encourage young preachers in the ministry to move forward by faith in an economy that does not seem to be getting any better. God's principles of stewardship, evangelism and discipleship are not hampered by a sluggish economy. God's Word is as good today as it was a thousand years ago. We just need to live it, proclaim it, and apply it.

## ***Those Holding the Ropes***

### **Gail Ereddia (Office and Financial Manager)**

December, January, and February are my busiest times of the year, but they are also blessed ones! The Lord gave grace to get through all of the financial end-of-the-year preparations, getting materials ready for the annual MGMI board meeting in January, and our annual staff conference in February. It was a joy to prepare for our annual staff conference, this year in Phoenix again. Jeff and Anna Musgrave came to present their Exchange ministry to us to help us in reaching the lost for Christ. Their materials are being translated into Spanish and will hopefully soon be available for our missionaries to use in their churches. Jeff and Anna and I were active members (and on staff at one point) at my home, sending church, Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, SC, many years ago, so it was a joy to see them again and to see how the Lord is using them in their new ministry.

### **David and Linda Shumate (General Director)**

These have been busy months that have included visits from our grown children,

preparing for board meetings, special evangelistic meetings at our church, and the annual staff conference. The Lord has been teaching us in a variety of ways to look even more to him, to see how He is working around us, and to be more faithful in spreading the Word when He brings receptive people across our path. Our desire is that we would live God-centered lives that notice and respond to the needs of those around us.

Please pray for upcoming ministry opportunities as David travels to Alheuy, Sinaloa, for the ordination of two men for the ministry, Brian Hornor (MGMI church-planting missionary) and Radamés Gil (convert and disciple of the ministry in Alhuey) and to Minneapolis to speak in a conference. Please also pray as we continue to press ahead with the project of making available theology and ministry classes via the internet to help multiply leaders.

We are deeply thankful to the Lord for the privilege of having a part in His great work and for the honor of participating alongside dear friends and co-laborers such as you. We covet your continued prayers for productive ministry to the glory of Christ.

His servant and yours,

David Shumate, General Director

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