



NOGALES BAPTIST SEMINARY

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Training and sending messengers with a purpose

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Dear brothers,

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Once again, we greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who we praise and thank for his blessings and grace, which allow us to continue our ministry. We started our school term with 78 students across all programs. We are proud to say that our students come from 10 different States across Mexico. We are grateful to our Father for his goodness in calling servants to his work (Matthew 9:38).



As you may recall, we always choose a general theme for all our summer activities, from annual camps to conferences. This year, the theme was 'The Church: Foundation and Fortress for Truth' based on 1 Timothy 3:1. The theme overall was well received by all camp attendees, since they expressed a lack of knowledge on the subject. What we find encouraging is that it's the desire for knowledge of sound doctrine and theology (on top of having a log of fun) that leaves us with many non-believers

sending their own children and young people. We pray that one day, the light of the Gospel will lead them to true belief in Jesus Christ. thanks to all of you for the donations that you sent for the expenses of these camps. We supported a good number of children who did not have the funds to attend.



We held our Pastors and Leaders Conference in which our brother Ken Fuller was our main speaker. One of the main topics was Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica. He taught 120 pastors and leaders to live in holiness. (Juan 17:17) and to ensure that is the focus across their worship, ministry, and missions. Several of the Seminary's teachers were also speakers.

Once again we were able to give each pastor who attended the conferences a set of books to help them in their studies and biblical preparation.



We are proud to let you know that we have entered fellowship with SEPE (Expositive Preaching Seminary). They offer a bachelor's and master's degrees in Divinities, with an emphasis in Expositive Preaching (hence the name). Their ministry spans across several countries and by His grace, our teachers are now including their curriculum in our classes. Therefore, we are now SEBANO-SEPE. Eighteen of our students are in the process of getting their graduate degree through SEPE. We also continue our courses by extension and online. *Girls, Ivana (center), Joselin (right) attended the children's camp for more than 8 years. Mens, Alvaro (first at left) attended the last 6 youth camps we have held. They made the decision to serve Jesus Christ.*

We are also grateful and joyful to update you as to the results of our ministry in prison. Emilio and Monica are working on the start of a church in 'Las Acacias,' which is south of Nogales. 'Sun of Justice' is the name of our new mission which will soon be a full-time church. The name may sound familiar, since it's also the name of the church that SEBANO started in the prison, where Emilio became a believer. Another servant who came to the Lord inside prison is Hugo Hernandez, which is a great blessing for the ministry as well since he and his wife are now helping start the church in 'Las Acacias.' Once again, Glory to God!



Hugo y su esposa

During the last day of the Pastors and Leaders Conference, we celebrated an important milestone in SEBANO's history. Our brother, Manuel Lopez, is now the Director of SEBANO-SEPE. He is a former student (Class of 1990) and has been a teacher for over 25 in which he has imparted several subjects, such as New Testament's Greek. He has also served as the Sub-director over the last five years. He will oversee all academic affairs, supervising the academic curriculum as well as all administrative areas. As for myself, I am now the President of SEBANO-SEPE. In this role, I will represent and advise SEBANO until they reach all goals set. I will also be working to raise support and recruit new students. It's my desire as well to continue helping to teach as much as possible.



Manuel y su esposa Elda



A. Benavides, J. Courteol R. Rodríguez, M. Lopez

These new changes brought the opportunity to reflect in our history. Very few organizations have the privilege of gathering four generations of leaders. We are joyful to include a picture of four of SEBAND-SEPE's directors. Rev. Julián Courteol (1959-1977); Arnoldo Benavides (1977-2006); Ramón Rodríguez (2006-2022) and Manuel López (2022- present).

Missions Door has also appointed me as Missions Work Coordinator in Mexico, with the goal of helping to envision missionary projects and planting of new churches. This is an amazing opportunity in the work we do to promote and start fellowship with new churches. As a result, I have started the Pastoring Training Disciple program, with the purpose of raising financial aid for those newly graduated pastors. During this program, they would serve under the mentorship of a pastor to acquire experience and start their own ministry. We ask and hope for your prayers for this program. I will send further information as we develop this program further.

As for our family, we continue serving and teaching at Gethsemane Baptist Church. We continue with the construction of Getsemani. This is what our temple looks like now. I am proud, because Getsemani is a missionary church. Ana has been as a coordinator for catering for all our activities, from the normal school year to all summer activities. We will also continue to travel to support and preach in all missions that are affiliated with the church.



Our daughters continue serving faithfully. We spent time with our grandchildren, since our oldest, Michael, just turned 19 and started his college journey. Paul and Sonia continue working and serving at Central Christian Church. Daniel, our youngest grandkid, is almost 16 years old and is part of the Gilbert High School band as a drummer. We recently attended a football game to see him play. Lily continues serving at church and continues to enjoy her work in training and development. Amy is working as a traveling nurse. She is on assignment in Columbus, Ohio. We miss her every day, but we also hope that this will be an amazing experience for her. We continue waiting for the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We want to also want to extend an invitation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Jesucristo Viene Pronto!!

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Pastor Ken Fuller came with a great gift for Manuel and me. Thank you pastor.

Christmas is a very important time for the seminary's family (students, teachers and their families). They are teaching and sharing about the salvation we have because Jesus's birth. Be a part of our celebration by praying for our Christmas activities or by giving. Items needed include winter clothes for both men and women in large and medium sizes: socks, sweaters, jackets, dress shirts and blouses. Also needed are normal size toiletries like shampoo, soap, cosmetics, razors, body lotion, etc. You can also send gift certificates to Costco, Wal-mart, Target, and JC Penney and we will do the shopping for you. Please send your items to:

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- Prayer Requests:
1. Financial support for SEBAND-SEPE.
 2. The students and their field work.
 3. The new graduate program and its current students.
 4. The Pastoral Training Discipleship.
 5. SEBAND's faculty.
 6. The 'Sun of Justice' mission in Acacias.
 7. The several construction projects SEBAND wants to start.
 8. The construction at Gethsemane.
 9. Our new director.
 10. The new role I will fulfill, both at SEBAND-SEPE and at Mission's Door.

...to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24