

Fw: 200th Anniversary

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Subject: 200th Anniversary

Yates Baptist Church 200 year anniversary

Duane and Betty (Wilson) Kepner MGF Missionary Gospel Fellowship

Our ministry with you began in 1960 when our Director, Max Kronquest, came to Yates to report about Barb and Ray Dunn of MGF. Max brought us from the West Somerset Baptist Church to meet you and them. The church began to support our ministry to migrants in Somerton, AZ.

Our ministry changed to working with migrants in Spanish in 1962. God led to Indio, CA, then Nogales, AZ and on to El Centro, CA for 34 years ministering across the border into Mexico for 34 years. God used us to lead Mexicans to Christ. In 1984 we and they started the IBL, Instituto Biblico Logos, for Mexicans to train other Mexicans in sharing the gospel. The Instituto is now in its 35th year in ministry, now all Mexican led.

An unusual memory of Yates was in about 1970(?) when we were reporting on the ministry. A group of Yates families took our family down a creek playing in rubber tire tubes. Our children were treated royally and still recall that afternoon with Yates families.

Pastor Lyell and Callie greatly blessed us by visiting our Mexican ministry in about year 2005 or so. They saw first-hand the work with a tour into Mexico and met some of our Mexican converts and co-laborers. That was a great encouragement personally to us.

Our association with Yates members is especially through Norm and Emily Atwater and their relatives. It is also through our family: Bill and Lynne Wilson are nephew

and niece; Bill (Sr.) and Phoebe Wilson are brother and sister-in-law to Betty (Wilson) and me. They bless us.

You all share in our ministry through your prayers and your finances as you support us in these ways. Your rewards in heaven will include your work in Mexico through us. What a joy this is. Thank you.

Happy New Year to you all. Christ may come today and we will all go.

Duane Kepner

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Duane Kepner
Missionary