

Chuck and Ramona Shawver, alongside whom many of our First Baptist members have worked on missions trips to Mexico, have returned to Mexico as full-time missionaries. Their assignment is with the Baptist Seminary of Mexico, located in Mexico City. They have been asked to enhance and expand the Seminary's distance and extension pastor training programs. They will be based at the seminary, but most of their work will be in the field, serving both the urban satellite centers and the rural churches in southeastern Mexico. This will involve developing and adapting teaching materials, organizing, presenting, and coordinating ongoing educational events. In addition, Ramona will be supervising the pastoral work of resident seminary students and possibly offering English classes.

Chuck and Ramona have four grown children. Silas lives in Fresno, California. Samuel and his wife live in Phoenix and have two school-aged children. Elena, along with her husband and young daughter, live in Belvidere, Illinois. Anna Joy and her husband live in Visalia, California, and have added another grandchild to Chuck and Ramona's family.

Chuck and Ramona pray for us and are grateful for our friendship and partnership in ministry. As they write: "Thank you for being the kind of people who believe in the Kingdom, know the King, and love the world for which Christ died ... We do too!"

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