



# Biblical Institute of Central America

A Two-Year Bible School - to prepare evangelists and church leaders

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Dear Partners,

The word “partners” is not used lightly. God, you, and BICA have communion in many facets of this life. We share the goal of the Great Commission. You share your financial blessings to become a blessing to BICA. Perhaps, well surely, your prayer partnership with us is our greatest tie. Everywhere I go, people are quick to express to me that they pray for me personally and for BICA. Recently, a brother said that I was in his prayers both morning and night. Wow! I am unable to communicate to you how this touches my whole being.

On May 4th, I had a routine blood work-up. It was noticed that my PSA number had elevated to 7.8. (The PSA test is an indicator of prostate health.) This result may be of no concern, or it may indicate something more serious. Therefore, I call upon you early on for your prayers. As always, keep the Biblical Institute in mind as you pray—please. Tens of thousands of lost people depend on it. While you are bending a knee, keep Daniel Thomas in mind. He is scheduled for surgery for bladder cancer. He has been a friend of mine and BICA from the beginning.

Along with the monthly report is included a two-page mission strategy letter which captures the essence of our vision. Please keep this as a reference resource document. Then, with your permission, I would like to enlist your services to get the message out. Your personal touch and endorsement will make the difference. Be sure to send hard copies and emails to many people. Good-hearted people are ready to help. They only need to be informed. Also, we need to put hundreds on our email mail outs. (See “how to” in the mission letter.) Thank you in advance.

Paul told Timothy to suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist. Look at what the staff and students suffered on a campaign in a remote poor area of Nicaragua. Their small meeting place was not large enough to accommodate the 45 or 50 mattresses. Most slept outside. It was rainy and wet. The thin foam mattresses got wet, dirty, smelly, and deteriorated. They were bitten by different insects. Many were ill from exposure and bites. Many had to get up at 4 AM to bathe because of limited facilities. They do not complain! They endure for Christ’s sake. We are rushing to buy cots and tents for the remote area campaigns.

In Central America, the women outnumber the men in the church. Generally, women do not have any organized school or class opportunities. Our girls/mighty women are in great demand upon graduation. They minister to women in a spiritual way. The sister graduates know how to organize children’s Bible classes. This fills a great need. An idea is to have some women in the USA to help their young sisters who are students in BICA. Who will step up and organize a group? You can name the group. Call it Women to Women, Friends of BICA Women, Sisters to Sisters, etc. You can help in various ways. Contact them while they are students AND graduates by mail and email. Your encouragement will mean much to them. You will be enriched and humbled as you see them live out their vision. Expect much; you will not be disappointed. You can encourage ladies’ classes to adopt and support a sister. Are you looking to make a difference? Let’s talk.

There is still time to plan to go on an evangelistic campaign in Nicaragua. Look and see. The travel days are June 5, returning June 13. Let me know.

In Pachalum, Quiche, Guatemala, the Institute held a campaign April 19-25 in a place where the church was not meeting. Two house churches were started, each in the home of a different city president. All their households were baptized. Totally on the campaign, thirty-two put on Christ. On weekends in April: 28 baptisms; 32 restored; 55 are disciples learning how to teach others. So, 38 plus 32 = 60 baptisms. In Nicaragua, 32 were baptized on a campaign and 16 on the weekends = 48 baptized, with 57 restored. Then, in Honduras in many churches on weekends, 68 baptized and 138 restored. Another 5 were baptized on a campaign in a very difficult area of El Salvador. Total: 73 baptized, 138 restored. In May, in the middle of a campaign, 19 have already obeyed. Totals of the three schools for April: 176 baptized; 227 restored. Praise!!!

In Christ,

*George W. Hall*

**From the Caribbean . .**

**... to the Pacific shores of Central America**



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Corresponding to April 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2010

**BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL AMERICA, Guatemala**  
**City**

**EXPENSES:**

1. Rent of 17 houses	Q 13,500.00
2. Economical support for 15 marriage students	29,900.00
3. Vehicles	4,791.02
4. Photocopies, materials for classes	2,841.77
5. Expenses in Teachers	3,919.20
6. Food	29,629.71
7. Cleaning products	1,700.90
8. Travel Expenses for evangelistic weekends	5,195.00
9. Laundry	1,679.44
10. Salary for the Cook	1,850.00
11. Miscellaneous	2,873.50
12. 90 polo shirts (2 for each student for complete uniforms by \$6 each one)	4,260.60
13. Utilities	4,024.56
* Water	1,823.10
* Electricity	1,901.46
* Telephone	300.00
14. Equipment for the School	2,202.83
15. Medical Expenses	2,381.69
16. Students allowance (31 single)	5,115.00
17. Parking for 2 buses of the Institute	650.00
18. Expenses in Evangelistic campaign 2 new churches in Pachalum, 32 baptisms	4,997.10
19. Help for students graduated last year	1,900.00
20. Salary of Abel Gonzales	1,500.00
21. Help for 3 churches of the East of Guatemala	5,500.00
22. Salary of Faustino Qulizapa	2,500.00
23. Total Expenses	Q 132,912.32

**ACCOUNT:**

1. ENDING BALANCE BY THE END OF March/10	24,864.82
2. DEPOSIT \$16,800 X Q7.89	132,552.00
3. NEW BALANCE	157,416.82
4. LESS EXPENSES	132,912.32
5. ENDING BALANCES BY THE END OF April/ 10	24,504.50

ROBERTO ALVAREZ

**\$1.00 US Dollar = 7.86 Q**