



Biblical Institute of Central America

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

From the Caribbean . .

September 2009

Dear Ones,

Greetings! Thank you for your fellowship in reaching several thousand in Central America. Thank you, God, for the same reason. Honestly, we have only just begun. Our vision continues to be upgraded. God responds, and our faith is increased. God gives grace, and we get excited to do more.

For several years now, brethren are asking me, "When are you going to get an assistant here in the USA?" They are concerned about me and the work. "What will happen to the work if something happens to you?" Schools this size normally have large staffs with several employees and offices. I have none of those things. However, it is time and past time that I have a co-worker here in the USA. After trying for years to find a suitable man, I have found one. Praise God! He was brought up in the USA in a missionary family. Culturally, he is North American. Ethnically, he is Latino. His wife is Anglo. This is a great mix to work in the USA and in Latin America. He has graduated from a two-year preaching school, plus he completed his missions degree at Oklahoma Christian University. Presently, he and his wife are completing four years of service as missionaries in Central America. We hope to have things in order by the first of the year. The couple is David and Kimberly Romero. We need someone to step up to the plate to sponsor them. Perhaps you could not handle all the salary, but you could give a great start. Call me soon at 325-388-0000. time is flying! Please understand this great opportunity for our work. Please call.

Now let us turn our attention to Guatemala. Director, Roberto Alvarez, has requested prayers for the social situation in Guatemala, especially because of the violence. In one week, two bus drivers were killed in Pinares (where our women students live and where the local church meets). For five days, no bus service was in this area. This affects both attendance and disturbs work efforts.

Guatemala offers good news as well. In Estanzuela, Zacapa, the local church, Pinares, started a new work by baptizing 3 in March 2009. BICA conducted a campaign there August 24-30 resulting in 13 baptisms from 176 Bible studies. They left 29 good contacts. We expect several of these will obey. Now the church has 15 members in only six months.

Brother Roberto Alvarez also reports the weekend work results. Thirty-three were baptized, 22 restored, and 119 good contacts. Also, 39 are being taught to teach others. One student, nineteen-year-old Jose, teaches 15 students every Saturday how to present the Good News. In Retalhueleu, every month we get requests for students to work weekends with the churches. In August—46 baptisms; 22 restorations; 148 contacts. All is to the glory of God.

William Racancoj reports good things from Honduras. From weekend work in Roma, Astillero, Mezapa, El Porvenir, El Negrito, Tela, Delicias, Bendeck, and Sabana, we had 42 baptisms, 55 restorations, 37 disciples being taught to teach others. Two campaigns we conducted in the Port Barrious area August 24-31 had these results: 34 baptisms; 64 restorations; 87 good contacts. Totally for August: 76 baptisms and 97 restorations.

Also in Honduras, a new house church established this year is on fire for Jesus. They organized a 'get-together' for sisters in the area. One hundred twenty-eight women attended. The members work every Monday on evangelism. The youth work Saturdays while the women work every Friday. This is not bad for an infant church. We expect much and get much, with God's help.

In Negrito, Yoro, a new convert started a church in his home in August. They have 9 people already. Many churches are asking for campaigns. We cannot fill all the requests.

Brethren, please take my appeal with all seriousness. For most of you, it is budget time. I ask for a generous increase to help us reach many lost people. This is the work of the cross. It is a work of passion and compassion for lost people. Let your heart be touched. Please help. I beg you in the name of Jesus. Thank you, kind friends.

Gratefully,

... to the Pacific shores of Central America



FINANCIAL REPORT
Corresponding to August 1st through 31st 2009
BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL AMERICA, Guatemala City

Expenses

1. Rent of 16 houses	Q 12,000.00
2. Economical support for 14 marriage students	23,800.00
3. Vehicles	5,347.10
4. Photocopies, materials for classes	2,798.44
5. Expenses in Teachers	4,525.00
5. Food	23,831.76
6. Cleaning products	1,090.42
7. Travel Expenses for evangelistic weekends	4,660.00
8. Laundry	1,350.00
9. Salary for the Cook	1,750.00
10. Miscellaneous	2,565.14
11. Lico's Salary	5,728.00
12. Utilities	3,975.60
* Water	1,874.31
* Electricity	1,801.29
* Telephone	300.00
13. Equipment for the School	1,479.08
14. Medical Expenses	1,921.96
15. Students allowance (25 single)	3,950.00
16. Parking for 2 buses of the Institute	650.00
17. Expenses in evangelistic campaign, Estanzuela (13 baptisms)	6,268.80
18. Help for students graduated last year	1,600.00
19. Salary of Jose Batres	1,500.00
20. Help for 3 churches of the East of Guatemala	5,500.00
21. Expenses for funeral of Jairo and Melvin	7,325.00
22. Total Expenses	Q 123,616.30

ACCOUNT: \$1.00 = Q8.03

1. ENDING BALANCE BY THE END OF July/09	24,201.00
2. DEPOSIT \$15,500 X Q8.03	124,465.00
3. NEW BALANCE	148,666.00
4. LESS EXPENSES	123,616.30
5. ENDING BALANCES BY THE END OF AUGUST/ 09	25,049.70



Photos from Roberto Alvarez. These are the faces of new brothers and sisters in Christ.



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Dearest Supporters, Friends, Brethren,

Special greetings in the name of our Maker. I want to present to you a special need. Please give this request your heart-felt attention and prayers.

As you probably know, we do not cause dependence on the US dollar with our graduates. They basically have nothing of this world's goods. When they leave school, we offer them three month's living (a grubstake). Some, we provide the tools of their trade (ie—carpenters, welders, etc.) Others require some on-the-job training, like welding, mechanics, computers, language (English), etc. Others need funds for supplies to open a business—like used clothes and anything to sell. We do not have funds to meet all our needs this year. Will you help? Especially in Nicaragua, our newest school, we are desperately lacking. Your special/extra help will make it possible for them to be self-supporting and effective in reaching the lost. This is an important and unique part of our vision. We will have around 45 graduates this year. It costs about \$1000 minimum per graduate to give them a grubstake. Please let me know by the middle of November about your plans. I leave for the three graduations then. Most of you will have responded before this time. The book of Acts tells where those Christians spent their money. It seemed to always be on OTHERS, helping the POOR, and reaching the LOST. Please send contributions for Honduras and Guatemala to Belton Church of Christ, PO Box 788, Belton, TX 76513. For Nicaragua, send to Northside Church of Christ, 3401 N 3rd St., Temple, TX 76501. Many thanks!

Consider one or more of these ways to come up with funds:

1. One-time special gift from the local church.
2. Have a special collection—pass the plate.
3. Individuals or groups could have a garage sale.
4. Consider selling something that feeds no one or saves no one.

Here are some starter ideas; I am sure you have more:

- A. Office furniture or equipment, those extra items no longer used—put them to use.
- B. Farm equipment or livestock.
- C. Sports items you no longer use (guns, boats, golf clubs, etc.); sell something for funds to help.
- D. Household furniture, lawn equipment, appliances, tools, etc.
- E. Vehicles, extra vehicle that costs too much insurance for too little use.
- F. Jewelry, silver, gold, diamonds, etc.—just in the drawer and no longer used.
- G. Paintings, collections—coin, stamps, cards, etc.
- H. A business.
- I. Cash in a cd.
- J. Land, house, cabin, condo, etc., a lot on the lake you “intended” to build on, but things changed.

Please search the blessings that you have that you can sell/convert to a contribution to help our graduates evangelize the lost in their countries. Please promote and pray for this. Thanks in advance. Call me if you have questions or need me. (325) 388-0000.

In Christ,

George W. Hall

... to the Pacific shores of Central America

