



Biblical Institute of Central America

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

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Most Esteemed Brethren,

Greetings in His Name. For me, this is the best time of the year. It is better than all the holidays combined. To see the faces full of confidence, excitement, joy, expectation, and hope is indescribable. Yes, the graduates motivate me. Your sacrifice is paying off greatly. Thank you! This year 52 graduates were added to the previous 226 for a total of 278 life-time, self-supported missionaries in their own culture. Praise God! Let us continue to work together with God.

Graduation typically involves a guest speaker, graduating preacher, and a short lesson from me before I present the diplomas. Also, we have songs, prayers, a fellowship meal, and great rejoicing. Now we can look at the three schools' graduations. There was a total of about 1800 in attendance for the graduations.

In Guatemala, at least 728 came to honor the 18 graduates. Two graduates are from El Salvador, plus seven from the Mayan churches. The Mayans are very strong in Guatemala. They easily make up over 50% of the church members in Guatemala.

Excluding a forty-nine-year-old elder and a forty-two-year-old sister, the average age of the graduates was 23 years old. All will return to their home churches to teach the lost, plus teach others to do likewise. In their second year, they plan to start making disciples in nearby cities.

The following represents their means for self support: four plan to make Mayan clothes; barber, raise chickens, repair bicycles, sell Mayan clothes, teacher, sell used clothes, sell milk products, sell furniture, simple restaurant, corner store in living room, raise pigs, computer design, sell electrical supplies, and raise cows. Pray for them.

Around 550 people came to witness the 14 students graduating in Honduras. Eight of the 14 are from El Salvador. As normally, there was much hugging, kissing, smiling, and laughing.

Most will return home to evangelize and make disciples. They are very well prepared to teach the lost. Their average age is 28 years old. This is possibly the oldest average in our years of operation.

Their means of support: two will make bread; sell food, sell fish, sell basic office/school supplies, teacher, very basic house store, sell chickens, build houses, carpenter, build caskets, rent computers, and sell used clothes.

In Nicaragua, 500 invitations were given out. As in the other schools, we had a spirit of celebration. We had 20 to graduate. That makes a total of 52 in this, our latest school. One graduate is from the Caribbean coast where the church is very weak. His ability to speak three languages will be a nice advantage.

Their means of self support: three farmers; electrician, computers, make bread, two carpenters, study English, construction school, storage manager, sell beans, rice, corn, etc., sell used clothes, study forest management, barber, study nursing, builder, study A/C repair.

In ten years at our current rate of graduation, we can average 50 graduates per year. That's 500 plus the 278 we now have = 778. Wow! With your help we can do more. Is there any interest in a school in Panama? Let me know. See our website at www.bica.info for contact information.

Please remember us in your gifts at the end of this year! We continue to struggle financially. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Prayers always!

In Christ,

George W. Hall

From the Caribbean . .

... to the Pacific shores of Central America

