



Biblical Institute of Central America

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

From the Caribbean . .

October 2009

To the Salt of the Earth,

May the God of Heaven bless you who sacrifice so wonderfully for the lost. Always remember that the cross is all about the lost! Thanks to those who have already helped with our year-end shortfall in our finances. Bless others who are also ready to help. Keep in mind that our vision is to reach hundreds of thousands of lost souls. God wants this, and He will bless it—and He has blessed it.

Lord willing, I will be at the three graduations: Guatemala—Nov. 28; Honduras—Dec. 5; Nicaragua—Dec. 11. To hear about the graduates' plans of faith motivates me tremendously. Pray for them as they pray and plan. Also, we are making ready to enroll new students in January.

Guatemala has been plagued with several problems lately. First, a severe drought has hit the eastern part of the country causing much harm. It is reported that Guatemala now is the fourth worst country in the world concerning malnutrition. I personally feel the need to help some destitute brethren. Then there is the problem with gang violence. One example, nearly every day a bus driver is shot in Guatemala City for not paying "protection" money. The buses are robbed daily. Two students in different robberies were robbed on the buses as they did their weekend work. GOOD NEWS from Guatemala reports 27 baptisms and 41 good contacts in a new church in San Vicente. The students worked hard to produce the first fruits in this church. We will follow with students doing follow-up every week. Presently we serve twenty churches on weekends. We teach the lost and teach others to do the same. For example, on weekends in September, we baptized 32, restored 34, and are teaching 41 to teach others. Totals for Sept: 59 baptisms, 34 restored = 93 saved.

Reports from Nicaragua indicate from the middle of January until September 28, we had 495 baptisms and 239 restorations = 734 saved. This projects more than 1000 saved for 2009. All glory to God!

Then Honduras reports from weekends—43 baptisms and 45 restorations with 33 being disciple. Two weeks were spent on campaigns in El Salvador (two cities—San Miguel and Chinameca) resulting in 50 baptisms, 58 restorations, and 156 contacts. Totals of September: 93 baptisms, 103 restorations, thus 196 saved. The political problems continue to plague Honduras. Their president was removed, resulting in much conflict. It also has caused us some problems with curfews and travel.

In Nicaragua, we are plagued with a Sandinista government which takes much of our time in looking at our financial records. We must account for every penny. They want us to buy everything in places that collect taxes. It costs us much more to do that. Food and service from "the little guys" are much cheaper.

BICA representatives met on October 4 with Chisholm Trail Church of Christ and children of the King in Duncan, Oklahoma. We are working together to reach the lost in Nicaragua. Two men from sponsoring churches, John Hendry, missions deacon of McDermott Road in Plano, TX, and Rodney Wall, elder in Belton, TX, wrote powerful letters of support for our/their work. I got their permission to share the letters with you. Both men have strong credentials. See attached letters on another page.

Please do not be afraid to commit for additional funds. If you run into a critical situation where your funds "dry up", we will understand. Just please come to our aid. God's blessings to you. Peace and joy.

In Christ,

George W. Hall

New mailing address for contributions for BICA in
Nicaragua:
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... to the Pacific shores of Central America



October 1st, 2009

Elders & Mission Committee:

Chisholm Trail Church of Christ, Duncan, OK

Dear Brothers in Christ;

I send my greetings to each of you from the elders and the mission committee at Belton Church of Christ! I am sorry I was unable to attend your meeting in Duncan. I had originally planned to be there to be a part of your discussions.

However, I will be leading a medical mission team of 18 people to Tampico, Mexico leaving next Saturday, Oct. 10th.

As you can imagine, there are many last minute details to take care of and I just could not spare the full day to drive to Oklahoma.

But, I do want give each of you a little input concerning George Hall and the Biblical Institute of Central America. As you may know, Belton is the sponsoring congregation for the BICA in El Progreso, Honduras. I believe we first became involved with George and school in Honduras in 1999 or 2000. The School had just graduated its first class in 1999.

At the time Belton was looking for another mission point to work with. What impressed us about George and the BICA was his burning desire to teach native preachers to teach others to teach others.

He had a vision for God and a mechanism to accomplish that goal. He would use ministers and teachers from within the local church brotherhood to teach the classes. This enabled him to keep school costs down, while maintaining rapport and support from other existing congregations in the country. These local congregations were also the source of many of his new students coming in. George also knew how destructive the U.S. dollar could be in mission efforts. By offering vocational training as a part of his curriculum, he was able to help the students continue to live on the local economy and not be dependent on the U.S. This also made each student and each congregation they worked for to be self sufficient rather than dependent. I believe this is a major factor in the growth of the church in Central America.

I have been blessed to visit the school in Honduras twice and once to the school in Guatemala. I have witnessed a great respect and admiration for George by the students, the assistant directors and the local preachers and congregations. I have personally participated in door knocking campaigns in Guatemala. The young students are amazing. Their dedication and love for the Lord is inspiring. They have been taught well and are experts at using the Bible, starting up conversations with people in the streets and in their home and teaching one on one.

I have been involved with many mission efforts for the past 25 years at Belton but have not witnessed or participated in a more effective way to share the gospel. The Belton Mission Committee is committed to BICA and will continue to work to help George any way we can.

If I can be of any assistance or can answer any questions concerning BICA, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or give me a call!

In Him,

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Children of the King, Elders of Chisholm Trail church of Christ, Co-workers with BICA in Nicaragua

Brothers,

I am one of the missions deacons for our congregation, specifically responsible for our work in Honduras, and with BICA in Nicaragua. I've also sat-in twice on classes in Nicaragua. Having a fair use of the language, I've had the pleasure of visiting at length with the students and directors. They are incredibly dedicated. They are intensely focused on their studies and on becoming productive workers.

As you probably know from first-hand experience, one US missionary in a foreign country can cost well over \$50,000 per year. And, if they're successful they may teach and baptize 20 people a year.

For the same money, 10 BICA students will each do the same thing. But they'll only be "on the payroll" for two years. Afterwards they'll become "tentmakers" - supporting themselves while they continue to teach and baptize. Where else can your investment in missions produce that kind of return? I know of no other.

I highly encourage your active participation in this wonderful program. If you do not speak Spanish, I invite you to join me for a trip ... I'm planning to go again around the first of November.

May God bless us all as we work together in the Kingdom.

John Hendry

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