

# Biblical Institute of Central America

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

*From the Caribbean . .*

*March 2009*

Dear Supporters,

Thank you for your support for BICA. Many have told me that they pray often for us. Thanks so much! Your financial support sustains us. In January, we lost \$1500/month because of the economy. That is a big hit for us. If some can increase to make up the short-fall, it would be much of a blessing for us.

Remember our passion. To the glory of God and with the help of God, we want to multiply the disciples in Central America. We are compelled by I Thess. 1:8-10. It tells of vengeance to those who know not God and obey not the Gospel. They suffer punishment and eternal destruction. II Cor. 5:11—knowing the fear of God, we persuade men. II Cor. 5:14—the love of Christ constrains us...v15...no longer live unto themselves, but unto Him...v18...gave unto US the ministry of RECONCILIATION...v19...committed unto US the WORD... Also, in the Great Commission, our Lord tells us to take the Gospel to all.

As of the first of March, the three institutes have baptized over 100 people and restored scores. Remember, only about one-half of them have been in school for one-and-a-half months. Already five new churches have been started this year. In Honduras, we are working with a December 2008 graduate, and a new church has been born in Santa Rita, where he works. Twenty-three were baptized on the campaign. They expect 10 more by the time you get this report. Already, 45 are in attendance. Praise God! Also, they have started another work in El Progreso with 12 new members, plus one near Tela with 15 new souls. Nicaragua and Guatemala are also planting new works.

A good brother who helps financially in this work asked me to go over our plans, work, and finances. I shared some of the following thoughts with him. Assuredly, we are fiscally responsible. We own no land or building. Our vehicles are old (1987-1999). Even though we are one of the largest (95 students) two-year schools in the brotherhood, we have no office, no other staff people (except me), no secretaries or assistant director here in the USA. Laura Huff graciously donates her time and skills to send out this report, etc. The sponsors copy and mail the monthly reports. Clifton Peters and Ron Ratley serve as our treasurers as Christian servants. Many from time-to-time perform special service for BICA.

It would be good for you to go on our evangelistic campaign in Nicaragua April 11-18. You would see students, who have brought their mattresses, sleeping on a concrete floor of a church building with one bathroom to serve 40 people. This means that some start bathing at 4 AM in order that all can bathe. Our food is humble in nature. We take our cooks and stoves with us. Never do you hear a complaint. You would see the modest living conditions in the rented houses which are used as our school. In these houses we have kitchens, dining areas, class room (partially outside), bedrooms for single students, and bathrooms. We have ABSOLUTELY NO FAT! Be not mistaken, we are not complaining. We are content. We do not want it any other way.

We are a results/vision-driven work by the grace of God. Working seven days a week, God allows us to be rich in good works. This year promises great expectations. The 95 students in the three schools will have a total of 30 week-long evangelistic campaigns. The students, staff, and local members will be a minimum of 50 pairs (two by two) to do Bible studies house-to-house. Five studies per day by each pair represents 250 Bible studies per day. (The campaigns last 5-6 days each.) So, 5 days times 250 per day = 1250 studies with lost people per campaign, times 10 campaigns equals 12,500 Bible studies. Also, on Saturdays and Sundays, students work with churches (including new house churches). They pair up with members to teach them how to teach others. Ninety-five pairs having 5 studies per weekend equals 475 studies times 32 weekends per year equals 15,200 studies. Weekend plus campaign work studies total 27,700/year (12,500+15,200), plus several studies during the weeks. Several hundreds will be saved. Thanks for your part and all glory to God. We get to rejoice. I thank God that He allows me to serve in this capacity. Always pray!

In Jesus,

*George W. Hall*

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



**BICA - Guatemala—FINANCIAL REPORT January 1st THROUGH 31 st, 2009**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>US\$</u>	Conv.	<u>Q</u>
1 Rent for 16 houses	\$1,600.00	7.50	12,000.00
2 Economical support for 14 married students	\$3,173.33	7.50	23,800.00
3 Vehicles	\$933.33	7.50	7,000.00
4 Photocopies, class materials	\$252.00	7.50	1,890.00
5 Expenses in Teachers	\$386.67	7.50	2,900.00
6 Food	\$3,166.67	7.50	23,750.00
7 Cleaning products	\$200.00	7.50	1,500.00
8 Travel expenses for evangelistic weekends	\$600.00	7.50	4,500.00
9 Laundry	\$186.67	7.50	1,400.00
10 Salary for the cook	\$233.33	7.50	1,750.00
11 Miscellaneous	\$400.00	7.50	3,000.00
12 Lico's salary	\$763.73	7.50	5,728.00
13 Utilities	\$521.60	7.50	3,912.00
14 Equipment for School	\$133.33	7.50	1,000.00
15 Medical Expenses	\$200.00	7.50	1,500.00
16 Students allowance (25 single)	\$526.67	7.50	3,950.00
17 Parking for buses of the Institute	\$86.67	7.50	650.00
17 Expenses for moving new married students	\$460.00	7.50	3,450.00
18 Help for graduated students	\$213.33	7.50	1,600.00
19 Salary for Brother Luis Mendez	\$276.67	7.50	2,075.00
20 Salary for Faustino Jarquin	\$250.00	7.50	1,875.00
21 New license plates for 4 BICA vehicles	<u>\$433.33</u>	7.50	<u>3,250.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,997.33</b>	7.50	112,480.00
<b>1 <u>ACCOUNT</u></b>			
2 Ending Balance by the end of December, 2008	\$2,525.60	7.50	18,942.00
3 Deposit \$15,000 x Q7.50	\$15,000.00	7.50	112,500.00
4 New Balance	\$17,525.60	7.50	131,442.00
5 Less Expenses	<u>\$14,997.33</u>	7.50	<u>112,480.00</u>
Ending Balance by the end of January, 2009	<b>\$2,528.27</b>	7.50	18,962.00



BICA—Guatemala classroom



BICA—Honduras class



BICA—Guatemala staff w/George Hall