



# Biblical Institute of Central America

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

*From the Caribbean . .*

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To the Dearest of the Dear,

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad. We are humbled by the fact that God allows us to serve Him to reach thousands of lost souls in Central America through BICA. Glory to God! Thanks to you! Happy New Year! I am encouraging you to resolve to keep the resolution of Jesus. His last words stated His resolve—Take the Gospel to all the world.

I am penning this report on January 1. I leave tomorrow for Guatemala, then Honduras, then Nicaragua to teach vision/evangelism. My scheduled return is January 23.

Keep in mind that at BICA we are building a strong infrastructure designed to last for generations. God's method of teaching others to be excellent evangelists ensures that the torch will be passed on. Most of our graduates are young. Self-supported missionaries in their own cultures will allow the work to continue no matter what happens elsewhere. Excellent disciples making excellent disciples is our life. The expected enrollment of 110-115 students for 2010 will be taught these Biblical concepts. The vision/method is as important as the presentation of the Gospel—without vision and motivation the Gospel is not presented.

Violence is on the increase in Central America. For example, 3-4 years ago Ana was baptized in Guatemala. Her husband had been murdered previously. She had four children. I remember her two young girls. Ana went to California in desperation to provide for her children. She is now unemployed. Her 19-year-old son was murdered in August. She left her girls with her sister. Her sister's husband was murdered this past year. In November I took some things for the girls. Roberto Alvarez and I met the family in a restaurant (it was too dangerous to meet in their home). Another sister also came to meet us, along with the other sister and the two girls. Her husband had also been murdered. Seventeen people live in their small house. One sister works part time. They were selling food on the street, but they had to stop because the gangs demanded too much "protection money". Terrible! Pray for them as we count our blessings.

Another account of violence involves a preacher's daughter in Honduras. She and her husband moved near Santa Barbara. There was no church close to them. We honored their request to help start a church in their home. Twenty-something were baptized on a campaign this past year. While I was in Central America in November, her husband was murdered. She has four children under ten years of age. Her husband was buried on Wednesday, then she traveled 3-4 hours to be at graduation on Saturday to honor the students. I was moved by her concern that we continue to help the church in her home. Her concern was for others in her time of grief. I held her in my arms as we cried together. As I write this report, tears flow down my cheeks. Pray to God that we can get some relief from violence.

On a happy note, I am overjoyed to report the baptism of a business lady in Guatemala City. Roberto Alvarez had made contact with this 43-year-old, lovely, humble woman who has much love for God. Even though she has over fifty employees and owns about 1/4 of a block in downtown Guatemala City, she treats people with humble respect. For me there is nothing more rewarding than seeing a new birth.

In Colonial William Hall in El Progreso, Honduras, a house church was started in March 2009. It was in the house of Wendy, who was baptized that month. Through November, they had grown to around 45 members with an attendance of 70-75. Praise God! They are so thankful to BICA that they wanted to honor me and meet me. They did so in the new house church location. (They rent a building for \$100/month. They put a tin roof over most of the back yard for their meeting place.) I was so very impressed as I enjoyed the meal and fellowship. Many stood up to say such nice things. They gladly accepted my challenge to double in size this new year. Wow! What an honor!

Alternative financing will be a way to ensure that we can adequately provide for the 110-115 students this year. Here is my plea. I ask you personally to take the lead in this matter. Consider the groups in the church. There are women's Bible classes, youth groups, men's classes, regular Bible classes, etc. What a thrill for a ladies' Bible class to have their own young lady as a missionary! Your group can get pictures and have email contact, etc. If you pass the hat weekly and everyone throws in the price of a Starbuck's coffee or a McDonald's Happy meal, you can have your own missionary. You will gain a hundred-fold above what you give. I promise, more importantly God promises. Beloved, will you please get involved in this? Please help us. Call me after January 23 at 325-388-0000 or email me right now while it is on your heart. Will a pretty please work? My email: [georgewhall@gmail.com](mailto:georgewhall@gmail.com). Okay, a pretty, pretty, please. It's for the lost, you know.

Thanks for all that you do—your prayers and your financial help. Pray for my family.

In Christ,

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