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Wonderful Friends of BICA,

Greetings! I am here in Honduras as I start my monthly report. It is my favorite time of the year. Not Christmas; it is graduation time. Looking into the faithful eyes of the graduates, hearing their great goals of faith, seeing their humble confidence, feeling their hearts of faith, touching their souls, being astonished at what great things God has planned for them. It's better than Christmas! Trust me. The following is a brief summary of their plans.

Guatemala—20 graduates:

1. Marco Aguilar—27—will work in his home half time as a welder, half time personal work; work with leaders; select 10 people for disciples (taught to teach others to teach others, to teach others, etc.)
2. Jeremias Cac—20—work at home church, finish 3 more years of school; will work with uncle and 3 disciples to start churches in nearby towns.
3. Alex Catalina—20—sell books/office supplies; first year make 10 disciples; special classes on evangelism; 2nd year start house church in another area.
4. José Domingo—23—work raising chickens half time; half time with church; teach 15 very well to teach the Gospel (II Tim. 2:2); work with youth; first year start a house church; Goal—baptize 50 the first year, with the disciples start and mature one church per year.
5. Hermenzón Escobar—19—work in his little in-house tienda (7-11), mother has experience; work 100% in evangelism, 8 disciples first year (excellent evangelist); start house church in next town; afterwards, start many.
6. Omar Fernández—19—sell used clothes/shoes, in the market; train 15 men very well in evangelism (The 15 will be expected to make at least one disciple each); then everyone continues to make disciples, teach much house to house.
7. Marco Fernández—49—; wife Marta, 48, 3 kids (one is Omar, the previous graduate); sell used clothes/shoes, has experience, will work with 2 churches in Guatemala City. While in BICA (2 years), baptized 35 and made 20 disciples (10 are very active); restore brethren, make 3 disciples at first. Start evangelistic cell groups, already have 3 disciples in the city. Goal—30+ baptisms per year.
8. Diana Gamero—19—from El Salvador; return part-time to study in college; will work with young ladies and mothers; evangelisms by teaching 20 ladies the Good News Presentation; expectation—in 6 months they will start training their own disciples; work with local preacher to start house churches. Personal goal—at least 20 baptisms per year.
9. José Gamero—44; father of Diana (above); work with wife in internet café; work with wife with married families, youth, make disciples, 20 at first. The elders approve his plans. Start house churches of Christ all over San Salvador, El Salvador. Put evangelist fire in brethren. Also teach in a Bible school.
10. Pascual Guachiac—17 (Mayan)- work—sell office supplies; goal—20 baptisms the first year; II Tim. 2:2 (2-2-2); teach others to teach; select 10 from Sunday class to train; after 6 months, disciples must have their own disciples; teach doctrine to church; Saturdays—youth work.
11. Daniel Hernandez—51, wife Lubia 29—sell groceries (beans, corn, rice, etc.) 100% evangelism; teach the local preacher; first year, 15 baptisms, make disciples. Then start house churches after one year.
12. Pablo Ignacio—23—sell Christian books, DVDs, CDs, songs, etc.; Work at evangelism 30 days/week and weekends; select 15 for disciples. Then disciples make disciples; goal first year—45 baptisms. 2nd year, start a house church in the next town. Every year a new house church.
13. Walter Jacinto—22—Work with greenhouses to grow special tomatoes; make disciples (already has 7 ready); start 6 house churches in different areas of the city. (One will be in his house.)
14. Abundio Mijangos—27—work as a barber; start with 6 disciples; Goal—30-40 baptisms first year; make disciples among the youth.
15. Lucas Pop—47, wife Brenda 33, 3 kids—work—raise chickens, make disciples (5 are ready); start new church in his house (30 minutes from mother church.)

Guatemala—continued

16. José Soc—26, wife Lydia 18, 2 kids—work in house (7-11 kind of operation, small) already has 2 disciples; teach youth on Saturdays. Make disciples from them; in 6 months, start house church of Christ in next town.
17. Jonathan Velasquez—18—finish studies (high school), then university; goals based on the BICA vision; he baptized 28 while a student and made 6 disciples who all teach others. Will start a house church in his house.
18. Ricard Xic; 29—wife Dilma 21, 2 kids; work raising chickens; baptized 45 as a student and made 8 disciples who all teach others. Work with home church of Christ, then go to the next town to start house church of Christ; make 8 disciples; goal 50 baptisms the first year.
19. Jesus Vides—21—work with father to make and repair shoes; baptized 14 as a student, make 4 disciples; work Thursday—Sunday with church of Christ; make 2 disciples, door-to-door; start house church of Christ; on Fridays put into practice II Tim. 2:2.
20. Elma Diaz—21; As a student, baptized 20, 3 disciples (all teach others); work—raise pigs; teach her father, who is a mountain preacher, evangelism and Bible; teach the BIA vision/ make disciples; return to the university; teach women and start Bible classes for youth; restore the weak; start a house church with father.

Honduras—12 graduates

1. Jorge Hernandez—19—Raise pigs; work in home church of Christ, then establish house church; work with his cousin who is a BICA grad' in 2 years at BICA—40 baptized; 15 restored; 4 disciples.
2. Luis Euceda—19; Baptized 20; restored 15; disciples 10; plans to work a small in-house pulperia (7-11 store) with parents; evangelism Monday—Friday; Saturday, work with youth; start a house church of Christ.
3. Gustavo Euceda—19—Baptized 60; restored 35; 6 disciples while in school; make tortillas for a living; restore brothers on Sundays; prepare youth and adults to teach others; train leaders; personal evangelism.
4. Rommel Nunez—19— work as a welder; last 2 years, baptized 41, restored 52; disciples 3; half time with church; II Tim. 2:2; Thursday nights cell groups; Saturdays restore brothers.
5. Josué Castro—20—work as a welder; while in BICA baptized 47; restored 34, disciples 3; Tuesdays, teach Bible in public schools; Wednesday nights, make disciples; half time work in church of Christ; Saturdays—leadership training.
6. Ruth Nolasco—21; Make bread to sell; baptized 35; restored 30, disciples 2, in BICA for 2 years; work in children's ministry; classes for women teachers; area women's conference; visit elderly; youth program
7. Sister Libny Argueta—23—work internet café; baptized 35, restored 28, disciples 1; Monday and Tuesday—evangelism; Wednesday—restore the weak; Thursday—teach Bible in public schools; train women leaders, youth.
8. Sister Yeny Chavas—23—sell clothes; teach youth to teach children, ladies; teach youth to teach others; evangelism, Friday—buy clothes; Saturday—sell clothes.
9. Blas Ramos—38—Lilian—38 and 3 kids; Baptized 35, restored 16, disciples 5; Restaurant in home; business half time; church of Christ half time; cell groups at night; restore the weak; orphans, prayer services, youth, Sunday—Bible class for married. Evangelism. It goes unsaid that he will preach as do the others.
10. Mauricio Carranza—36, Marta—31, 3 kids; Baptized 108, restore 48, disciples—5; Make tortillas; make disciples of adults and the youth; visit the sick.
11. Victor Hernandez—29, Lebdys—23, 2 kids; work—milk his cows, sell milk, butter, cheese; baptized 74, restored 24, disciples 4; work with farmers; Saturday—youth; evangelism.
12. Victor Rocha—26; Brenda—22, 1 child; Raise chickens; Thursdays and Fridays, work in town. Then start a new church of Christ in next town (20 minutes by bicycle); 800 families live here; like ALL the students in BICA, he helped to establish house churches while in school.

Nicaragua—10 graduates

1. Julio Alcerro—19; Baptized 19, restored 5, disciples 3; finish pharmacy school; excellent work in establishing house church of Christ; youth, teach, evangelism.
2. Denis Torres—23—Continue computer studies; Baptized 70, restored 20, disciples 1; will work with 2 or 3 churches of Christ who wanted him to work in evangelism; half time work in church of Christ; make disciples with other grads.

3. Armando Ramirez—24, finish engineer degree; baptized 14, restored 25, disciples 8; half work with church of Christ in western Nicaragua; train members; make disciples; establish house church in next city.
4. Moises Avendano—18; Study English; baptized 22, restored 10, disciples 1; work with his father who is a preacher; make disciples; also work with another church of Christ.
5. Martha Peñas—29, Ulises—26 (husband; 1 child); Sell clothes, Avon, teach children, train teachers, seminars for women. Baptized 35; restored 40; disciples 3.
6. Juan Molina—18; Finish vocational training in computers; baptized 18, restored 4, disciples 2; make 10 disciples first year; half time with church of Christ; evangelism, start a house church.
7. Kevin Blake—21—work selling clothes; baptized 46, restored 10, disciples 10; half work with church of Christ; teach house to house, also in the street; first year make 12 disciples; second year, start house church of Christ in another city.
8. Santos Sanchez—43; bake bread; wife makes tortillas; welding; family raises pigs; preach in house church, evangelism; disciple.
9. Allan Aleman—19; Finish studies in English; baptized 16, restored 4, disciples 2; work with Kevin Blake, but first with house church of Christ; half time, teach.
10. Maria Sanchez—20 (Daughter of Santos) - Vocational school, bookkeeping; raise pigs; make 4 disciples; work with youth, women, and father.

I hope that this report touches your heart as you see the faith of the graduates (most are very young). Pray for them. As a reward of 2 years of very difficult studies, we reward them with a very small “grubstake.” This is less than one week of preacher’s pay in the USA. I’m sorry. This is always a very challenging time financially for us. With 42 graduates this year, we have about \$42,000 extra to come up with this month. By your help and the grace of God, we survive. We now have 320 graduates. If your heart is touched with this work, please send an offering of love to this mission effort.

Over 800 attended the graduation in Guatemala and over 600 in Honduras.

Stay tuned to hear more about going with us in June.

In Christ,

George Hall

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Guatemala graduation photos

