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Compassionate Brethren,

Greetings! The heart of Jesus was touched by the plight of the lost. He demonstrated compassion and mercy toward the hopeless; likewise, you exercise compassion toward the unsaved by supporting this mission work. Thanks especially for your support in prayer.

Allow me to think out loud. Consider two situations involving the commands of our Lord Jesus. In Mark 7:31-37 (many other places also) Jesus performed a miracle to heal a man; then he told the witnesses to "tell no man." The more Jesus charged them not to tell, the more they told it. They were astonished beyond measure. They failed to obey Jesus! Likewise, Jesus commands in Mark 16: 15,16 that they were "to tell" the Gospel to the whole creation, which they did. Today, the same command looms over us—"to tell." Many refuse. We must be astonished in order "to tell." It's strange that some disobeyed by telling. Some disobey by not telling.

Report from Honduras for October: Total baptisms—53; Total reconciliations—24; Total studies—471

The report from Guatemala is on page 3 of the newsletter. Page 2 includes a report of damage from the recent earthquake.

The Nicaragua report is delayed. Erick Garcia and his wife welcomed a new baby, and there have been some complications. Please keep them in your prayers!

In Christ,

George W. Hall

It is the time of the year that folks think about giving to charities, the hurting, friends, and missions. I hope that we fit into two or three of these categories. Our expenses really elevate at graduation time. We have around 40 graduates this fall. They normally get around \$1000 as a "grub stake" to start their business to be self-supported. We are talking around \$40,000. To send a gift, mail to BICA, P. O. Box 788, Belton, TX 76513. Thank you!

From the Caribbean . .

... to the Pacific shores of Central America





Honduras grads

Report from Guatemala

May the Lord bless your lives with health, spiritual and physical. We are sending all our love and gratitude to every one of you. Thank God every one in our family is fine and also the brethren in Guatemala City. Like you know, the last Wednesday, November 7th, the southwest area of the country of Guatemala suffered an earthquake. The states damaged through the earthquake are: Quiche, San Marcos, Chichicastenango, Suchitepequez, Quetzaltenango, and Retalhuleu. It was at 10:37 am. The number of dead people is 52. Thank God, no one of the members of the church died in this earthquake. Right now this part of the country of Guatemala was declared by the government like "land of catastrophe". It means that the roads are damaged, the food is very low, the houses are risky for living there, and the risk of another earthquake exists. The main physical damage for the population is the destruction of their humble and small houses of adobe. In total, the number of damaged houses are: 3,770 and the number of people affected in the earthquake are 1.2 million. From the side of the Churches of Christ, we have churches in every affected state. The number of members in total are approximately 550. I was having contact with the Elders and leaders of every affected state and this is the information that I have:

- 51 houses of members of the COC are damaged
- Aproximatelly 400 people members of the COC are in need right now.

If we can help these brethren (Matthew 25), they need food, clothes, water, materials for rebuilding their houses, like cement, wood, zinc pieces for roof, etc. The church in Pinares and the Downtown were joined the first \$680 for sending all that we can to the brethren in that part of the country. Please, please, if you can start a movement for joint financial help for these families and children, it will be a great blessing for them! May the Lord bless your love and generosity!

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REPORT OF RESULTS OF OCTOBER 2012:

Monthly Evangelistic Campaign in two places: Barboral and Unidos por la Paz (Oct. 8-14): Like you know some months we are making 2 campaigns because the necessity of the churches for help in evangelism and also we have more requesting for campaigns than we can cover thanks God.

TOTAL RESULTS IN BARBORAL:
14 BAPTISMS
2 RESTORATIONS
273 CONTACTS
TOTAL RESULTS UNIDOS POR LA PAZ:
13 BAPTISMS
7 RESTORATIONS
189 CONTACTS

ANNUAL NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY IN QUETZALTENANGO (OCT. 27-28): Since some years ago, the students of BICA have a very important roll in the national reunion of young Christians of Guatemala. They are in charge of the evangelism in the activity. On this year BICA was in charge of workshops of evangelism, and also small groups teaching the good news to the ones that are not Christians. For the glory of God only in the weekend 22 souls were converted to our God by the students.

WEEKEND EVANGELISTIC WORK: RESULTS OF THE MONTH:

41 Baptisms
912 Contacts
39 Restorations
103 disciples for teaching others

Total of Baptisms of OCTOBER----- 90
Restorations of OCTOBER----- 48
Contacts----- 1,374

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