



Biblical Institute of Central America

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

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... to the Pacific shores of Central America

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Dear Fellow Workers,

Greetings! Rejoice in your salvation. Praise God that we are no longer dead in the world. I thank my God that He has allowed you and me to bring life to many thousands of people.

I want you to see the real work of BICA. One church has been with BICA since the beginning in 1998 (16 years). They have averaged about \$22,000 per year, which represents about \$352,000. What do they get for that investment? They now have 40 graduates. Most of them are young; therefore, they should have about 40 years of being self-supported missionaries in their own culture. That represents 40 times 40 = 1600 years of service. They are trained very well to teach others to teach others (making disciples.) If they only make two disciples a year, that would add 3200 years of service to the 1600 = 4800 years of service. If they baptize 10 people per year, 48,000 people would be saved. That is about \$7 per convert. That is a meal at McDonalds!

Compare the \$352,000 to an employee who makes \$25,000 a year. Sixteen years = \$400,000. Brethren, we need your financial help! Mission money has been very difficult to find. Please help. Would you like to help for 16 years? That is like renting two apartments. It is so little for so much. We expect to have around 360 graduates by the end of this year; with the above formulas, we should see around 432,000 souls won in the next few years.

Last month in Nicaragua, we had 41 baptisms and 13 restorations on weekend work. With house churches, local evangelism, and personal work, we had 21 baptisms and 4 restorations. Total: 62 baptisms and 17 restored. The plague we have in Nicaragua is so many different kinds of government meetings. The staff had 17 meetings in September.

I have a rejoice and cry story. Francela, a 15-year-old student, lost her 12-year-old brother who had a heart attack. She suffers much; however, she said, "I am not going to let the enemy discourage me." Francela has baptized over 30 people this year. Rejoice and cry; then pray for this wonderful sister.

Guatemala reports asking for prayers for Guatemala, because the economy is worse and crime is becoming much worse.

The campaign in LaLinea Church of Christ in Quetzaltenango (Xela), the country's second largest city, went well for the 110 member church. The elders and deacons were very happy. The elders gave the students of BICA a special recognition. There were 27 baptisms, plus 6 restorations. Total for the month: 61 baptisms and 71 restorations. On the weekends, the concentration was on teaching many people through special classes to impact evangelism in a strong way. The students have 119 members who are being taught very well to teach others. Totals: 88 baptisms, 77 restored, 1455 contacts.

In Honduras, 78 were baptized, and 23 were restored. Ten of those baptized were the result of starting a new house church. We regret that 2 students returned home because their grandmother died. Our bus and van both broke down in September. This happens often.

To make donations for Honduras and Guatemala, mail to P.O. Box 788, Belton, TX 76513. For donations for Nicaragua, send to Northside Church of Christ, 3401 North 3rd Street, Temple, TX 76501.

Please pray for us.

In Christ

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