

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL AMERICA FACT SHEET

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From the Caribbean..

Two year Bible school to train preachers/leaders –Additional vocational training when needed.

Low Cost-Food, housing, clothing, etc. according to local standards. Approximately \$325/month for single students and \$435/month for married students.

History -The first class started in February 1998 and graduated in December 1999 in El Progreso, Yoro, Honduras, C.A. A sister school in Guatemala City, Guatemala, opened in January 2004. A second sister school was added in Jinotepe, Nicaragua, in January 2008 .

Activities -Students attend class 7 : 30 A M -3: 00 P M , Monday -Friday. On the weekends they do practical work. Saturdays are filled with door-knocking and training others to do Bible studies in area churches (II Tim. 2: 2). Sundays provide opportunity for preaching and song leading. Every year each school conducts ten one-week campaigns. Every student also participates in starting house churches. Upon graduation, each student will have had 600-7 00 home Bible studies. Yearly, the campaigns, along with the weekend work, produce 17 00-2500 baptisms. Each student is recommended by his home congregation.

Staff-

- George W. Hall-Executive Director, limited teaching, fund raiser, coordinator of special group missions (i.e, teen service groups, medical missions, campaign workers, etc)
- Arnoldo Lux -Director, Honduras, day-by-day operations, teaching. Moises Campos, Asst. Director.
- Roberto Alvarez -Director, Guatemala, day-by-day operations, teaching. Jose Salmeron, Asst. Director.
- Dr. Erick Garcia –Director, Nicaragua, day-by-day operations, teaching. Arnaldo Rojas, Asst. Director.
- Classroom teachers -A unique approach has been taken in this area. The schools have no resident full-time teachers. Approximately 80 different teachers teach in the three schools. They eat/sleep at the school facilities. One subject is taught weekly; therefore, only one teacher is needed at a time. For example, a preacher will teach Mark for one week; then he returns home and another teacher will come to teach another class. Only their expenses are paid.

Facilities -The Institutes are housed in modest homes. There is one classroom, bedrooms (one for guest instructors and others for single students), and a kitchen/dining room. Married students live in rented homes.

Vocational Training after Graduation -Dependency upon the U. S .dollar has caused multiple problems. Dependency kills dignity, faith, vision, sacrifice, etc. When preacher support and buildings are funded from the U.S.A ., a “welfare state” is produced. Typically, the preacher is paid three times the average salary. He becomes the “pastor” who is not accountable to the local church. The church is weak –never mature. Our concept is to “teach them to fish, not to provide fish”. Upon graduation, vocational training is provided to those who need a trade. Graduates are not placed on U.S support.

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