

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL AMERICA

FACT SHEET

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 \$260/month for single students and \$380/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 AM - 3:00 PM, 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 600-700 home Bible studies. Yearly, the campaigns, along with the weekend work, produce 1700-2500 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.)
- Arnaldo Lux - Director, Honduras, day-by-day operations, teaching. Moises Campos - assistant.
- Roberto Alvarez - Director, Guatemala, day-by-day operations, teaching. Jose Salmeron - assistant.
- Dr. Erick Garcia – Director, Nicaragua, day-by-day operations, teaching. Arnaldo Rojas - assistant.
- Classroom teachers - A unique approach has been taken in this area. The schools have no resident full-time teachers. In the first two years, 33 different teachers taught. 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.

Contact Information:

George Hall
279 Mae Loop, Kingsland, TX 78639

E-mail: georgewhall@gmail.com
Phone/Fax (281) 252-4444 Cell Phone: (832) 318-3654

BICA:

Honduras: APDO 14; El Progreso, Yoro; Honduras; C.A. (Overseen by Belton Church of Christ)

Guatemala: APDO 73; Correo Central, Guatemala City, Guatemala; C.A. (Overseen by Fairmont Park C/C)

Nicaragua: PO Box 0155, Jinotepe, Carazo, Nicaragua, C.A. (Overseen by Northside C/C; McDermott Rd. C/C)

(Nicaragua)

Northside Church of Christ
P.O. Box 3868
Temple, TX 76505
(email – nscoctemple@aol.com)
Darryl Knight (254) 718-2814
Charles Harrell (254) 778-8387

McDermott Rd. Church of Christ
3600 McDermott Road
Plano ,TX 75025
John Hendry (972) 523-4600
(email – jwilliamhendry@gmail.com)



George W. Hall
Executive Director

(Guatemala)

Fairmont Park Church of Christ
3813 N. Midland Dr.
Midland, TX 79707-3530
Kenzel May (432) 218-7277
(email – kenzelmay@cox.net)
Kyle Peck (432) 520-2025
(email - davidkp5@yahoo.com)

(Honduras)

Belton Church of Christ
PO Box 788, Belton, TX 76513
Rodney Wall (254) 541-1758
Ted McKissick (254) 718-3030
Mike Pilkington (254) 780-3605
Clifton Peters (254) 939-0739
(email - cliftonpeters@aol.com)