

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER

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We thank each one of you for praying and giving that we might teach preachers and pastors in Costa Rica!



The Lord said about Syria “Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shall set it with strange slips: In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be **a heap** (just a little pile) in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow” (Isaiah 17:10-11). It seems that the United States is suffering from the same malady today - sin and rebellion; and reaping the same economic results as the Syrians, all without the slightest idea of what is causing the problem. We need nationwide revival, but sin and sinners seem to be growing in intensity and power. It is good to know that we can have personal and church revival on the foreign field as well as in the churches; that we can walk with the Lord in His presence, and because of His presence, walk in His power. Please pray that this will be true, not only in the United States, but also in the “fields white unto harvest”. Bro. Bob

The Lord has done some wonderful things in 2011

The Lord blessed the study and labor of our 23 students this last year with some wonderful results:

Number of times preached	1,063
Number of Sunday Schools Conducted	1,268
Number of Revivals preached	36
Number of other times preached	129
Number of people witnessed to	1,219
Number of people saved	571
*Number of people returning to Christ	116



*(*This is the number of Christians who came before the church and repented for open sin against the church and their brothers and sisters. These are a tremendous encouragement and blessing to the churches)*

We finished the curriculum and graduated 2 more students from the Bible Institute in La Guardia, Costa Rica



Bro. Sergio Hernandez is working with prisoners in two different prisons and doing “Prison Prevention Seminars” in the public and catholic schools in north Costa Rica. He is also holding services and working with prisoners in a “holding facility” for men who will be released in the near future.



Bro. Pablo Cadina had been doing evangelistic work with several different churches in Guanacaste and Orotina and now has become the pastor of Iglesia Bautista Fuente da Vida (Fountain of Life Baptist Church), in Filidelfia (our “Philadelphia”), Costa Rica.



- Overall:** - *
- * We taught 12 Bible Institute Modules.
 - * Preached 83 times in churches in Costa Rica and the U.S. including 2 mission conferences, 3 Bible conferences, and one ordination.
 - * 3 of our students started new mission works.
 - * Completed the Bible Institute at La Guardia
 - * Taught in 2 Bible Colleges or Seminaries



We considered death a great tragedy, but God brought good from what we considered tragedy! The Lord supernaturally brought us back to the States to be present when a young man from our home church went home to Heaven. This is a picture of his brother, who got saved during the church Christmas Program. Bro. Eric was a faithful witness and soul-winner and had an extensive prayer list, on which his family was at the top. God is still saving those folks on that list today. The timing of the Lord is always sweet to the child of God.

What are we expecting in 2012?

Bible Institute - Cortes.

We plan to graduate 4 more students in the month of May.



Bro. Mason Smith



Bro. Glen Morales



Bro. Albán Espinoza/Bro. Jose Fernandez

Graduation in May will complete the Bible Institute at Cortes, Costa Rica and hopefully the Bible institute will pass into the hands of a pastor there. Please pray for the graduation services as this is a special time in the lives of these men. Bro. Mason is a pastor in Sierpe, Costa Rica, Bro. Glen is a pastor in Cortes, Costa Rica, Bro. Albán is a pastor in Golfito, Costa Rica, and Bro. Jose is the Youth Pastor for Bro. Glen Morales in Cortes, Costa Rica.

We are also planning a Bible Institute Module and Revival in February with Pastor Joel Marsh Jr. from Westgate Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida in one of our student’s churches (Bible Baptist Church, Cortes, Costa Rica). Bro. Joel is the pastor of the Spanish Church at Westgate and is completely bi-lingual in Spanish. His father and grandfather were missionaries to El Salvador for many years and Bro. Joel grew up on the mission field. This will be a special Bible Institute Module during the daytime and revival services in the evening. Please pray that many souls will be saved and Christians will be revived.

Bible Institute - Roble.



At the Bible Institute in Roble, Costa Rica we are planning 4 modules:

1. Genesis chapters 1-11 (February 2012);
2. A Practical Module (May 2012);
3. The Soul-winning/Church Evangelism Module (August 2012);
4. Pastoral Epistles or Prophecy Module (November 2012).



We are still in the first year of this Bible Institute and should begin graduating students in 2013.

Please Pray With Us About Starting New Bible Institutes In Costa Rica, Panama And Southern Nicaragua

Finishing The Apartment



From This



To This



We have been working on the Apartment for 3 years now and plan to finish it this month (January). All that is left is the backsplash for the kitchen counter tops and some wiring in the kitchen. It has been a "build as we can" project, with us doing the work, but the Lord has seen us through the work. We had 11 teams from the U. S. help us in the construction. We have also had 21 people stay in the guest room last year, and will probably have more this year. It is always a blessing for us to have guests & we consider it a ministry given by the Lord.



The Possibility of Knee Surgery

We are looking at the possibility of knee replacement surgery in early April. The Lord has graciously opened doors to make the surgery possible; set new friends in our path, and redone our calendar where needed. I am down to "bone on bone" in my left knee and am a candidate for the surgery with a doctor in Tampa, Florida. Pray that the Lord would provide the circumstances needed for His will and that we will be obedient to that will.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray that we will lead lost people to Christ. It is our desire to be a witness for the Lord, and see lost people saved every day.
2. Please pray for the Bible Institutes. We are seeing the Holy Spirit revolutionize the lives of Men of God by making them soul winners and empowering their churches to start Baptist Churches.
3. Please pray for the San Diego Baptist Church in Tres Rios, Costa Rica (where we live)
4. Please pray for our health and the physical ability to do the work of God.

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