

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

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WHAT A GREAT TWO MONTHS!

We preached, visited, and presented the ministry in 14 different churches & 6 Bible Conferences.

We traveled to Panama to do a survey trip to prepare for the possibility of a new Bible Institute among the Kuna Indians.

We had the privilege and honor to personally witness to many lost people.

WHAT A BLESSING TO SERVE SUCH A GREAT GOD & CHRIST!

THE SURVEY TRIP!

We are expecting to start a Bible Institute among the Kuna Indians in Panama some time next year. I had the privilege of flying to Panama to work with a medical/dental team from North Carolina for 3 days and then stay over to meet the pastors who had come for the pastor's conference. Our medical team saw 645 patients from several different islands, of which 417 prayed and committed their hearts to Christ in salvation. The ladies of the church cooked for us during the time we were there, and the food was wonderful. There were 34 pastors at the



Bible Conference, some of which had traveled 15 hours by dugout canoe, just to be at the conference.

This is the only mode of transportation for most of the pastors so it will make the Institute more expensive to operate, and more difficult as far as time management.



We are looking at the possibility of two institutes, one in the north and one in

the south, to better deal with the time/travel management problems. Most of these pastors have a heart desire to reach their people with the Gospel of Christ, love the Lord Jesus, and love souls. A very few are knowledgeable witnesses and soul winners, but most desire training so that they may better witness of their salvation. They have minimal education and probably half of the pastors only speak Kuna, though about half speak Spanish. It means that for some pastors, everything has to be translated into the Kuna language so they can understand the material. Also, they do not have the Old Testament in the Kuna language, only the New Testament which can make teaching difficult.



There are about 65,000 Kuna Indians living on the string of islands about 230 miles long off the Atlantic coast of Panama. On some of the small islands there may only be two families, while on the largest island there are over 5,000 people. On our island there are about 3,800 people living the traditional Kuna life with no cars, motorcycles, or bicycles. 98% of the island has no electricity and most of the bathroom facilities are on the shore line with whatever sewer system they have



in the middle of the island emptying into the ocean. This island is on the Equator, so it is hot because of the intensity of the sun, though it is bearable in the shade. Without air circulation the temperature in the buildings can reach over 100 degrees quickly. The only water supply is piped from the mainland over a mile away. There is a strong family involvement system but much immorality. When a couple marries the husband moves in with the wife's family because the mother-in-law runs the family. The nose rings seen in the women are actually their wedding rings - tradition places them in their noses instead of on their hands because of the hard work they perform.



[THE NEXT BIBLE INSTITUTE MODULE](#)

Our next Bible Institute module will be in Bread of Life Baptist Church in northern Costa Rica, December 10-12. This is the Prophecy module dealing with an overall look at Prophecy and centering in on the Book of Revelation. Dr. David James, a prophecy evangelist from Shawnee Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky will be our teacher. Please pray as we seek to teach these men the Word of God to enable them to teach their members also! **These 6 men have personally led over 100 people to the Lord this year! Thank God they are catching the vision of reaching the Lost!**

WHAT ABOUT MOVING TO COSTA RICA?

We sense the direction of the Lord to move to Costa Rica and be on the

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FINANCIAL NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH MOVING TO COSTA RICA
\$15,000.00 is needed to buy a car.
\$35,000.00 is needed to build an apartment.
Construction teams are needed in January & February to help build the apartment!

field in February or March of 2009. We are now involved in raising funds to build an apartment on the grounds of the Lighthouse Children's Home in Tres Rios, Costa Rica outside of the capital city of San Jose. This would allow us driving access to all of Costa Rica, south Nicaragua and Panama. It would give us security for the times we have to be gone doing the work of the Bible Institutes or back in the states. We would also be involved in the ministry to the teenagers and children of the home, and work with Bro. Larry and Paula Neff. There are pastors and churches in the San Jose area, with its suburbs, that need help also. Please pray as we seek the Lord's specific direction and His will in this matter. It is a great undertaking for us at our age, but we want the years we have left in the work of the Lord to count for His glory and the salvation of souls. If you can help with the funding for the move or the apartment, or, if you would like to do a construction mission trip to help with the building of the apartment please let us know. You may call us at 601/212-0115.

We also need several individuals/churches that will give on an annual basis - \$1,000.00, \$2,000.00 or \$5,000.00. Please contact us about this tax deductible ministry, especially if you need a year end tax deduction.

IN NOVEMBER WE ARE TO BE IN THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

Crossing Baptist Fellowship, Collins Blvd. Baptist Church, Trinity Baptist Church, **LOUISIANA**; Heritage Baptist Church, Southside Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church; **MISSISSIPPI**; Gethsemane Baptist Temple, Rainbow Baptist Church, **SOUTH CAROLINA**; 1st Baptist Church, Fletcher, **NORTH CAROLINA**

WE PREACHED IN, OR VISITED THE FOLLOWING CHURCHS IN JULY/AUGUST:



Holly Springs Baptist Church, **ARKANSAS**; Liberty Baptist Church, **INDIANA**; Temple Baptist Church, Harmony Baptist Church, Southside Baptist Church, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Heritage Baptist Church, Goodrum Baptist Church, **MISSISSIPPI**;



Lighthouse Baptist Church, Blessed Hope Baptist Church, **OHIO**; Calvary Baptist Church, **TENNESSEE**; Bear Creek Baptist Church, Hickory Hill Baptist Church **TEXAS**; First Baptist Church, Achutupu Island, San Blass, **PANAMA, Central America**



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