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great patience and careful
instruction.”
2 Timothy 4:2*

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Congratulations Graduates!



Graduation: July 19, 2025

We congratulate 23 men and women on their graduation from TIBI on July 19 this year. They come from 9 different countries in Latin America—Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, and the US.

One person received a Certificate of Ministry, a 12-course program focusing on ministry skills. Six people received the Bachelor of biblical studies and ministry, recognized by the State of Texas, and 16 received the Bachelor of Ministry and Biblical Studies, certified by the Hispanic Theological Education Association, in conjunction with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Paulina Lux, originally from Guatemala and now New York, was selected by her peers to deliver the graduates' response on behalf of her classmates. Silvia Acuña and Kevin Montgomery awarded diplomas, along with personal comments about each person's character and work. As always, during the closing prayer we laid hands on these men and women to ask God to empower them for ministry. Please pray for each of them in the coming years!

Welcome, Timothy Archer!

We're pleased to announce that Timothy Archer is joining the Texas International Bible Institute team as our part-time Director of Development. He will be involved in various fundraising and public relations activities. He will also contribute to creative projects such as the implementation of AI at TIBI for staff, faculty, and students. Archer has already taught two undergraduate courses yearly at TIBI and one in the master's program for several years, as well as recording another course for our online program.



Born in San Angelo, Texas, Archer received his undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies, as well as a master's degree in Bible and another in Intercultural Communication. He served as a missionary apprentice in Rosario, Argentina for two years, where he met his future wife, Carolina. They married in 1987 and returned to serve the church in Córdoba, Argentina, for 13 years.

Upon returning to the United States, the Archers worked with the Church of Christ in Stockdale, Texas. Then, in 2006, Timothy took on the role of coordinator of Spanish-speaking ministries for the Herald of Truth ministry, where he continued until this fall.

The Archers moved to Abilene, Texas, and were a key part of the bilingual ministry at the University Church of Christ. Timothy also served as an elder there for several years. Just last year, the Archers moved to Alvarado, Texas, where Timothy works with the Alvarado Church of Christ. He will continue to do so while joining TIBI.

Timothy has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Latin America in his ministry, visiting nearly every Spanish-speaking country. He has been substantially involved with Tony and Liudmila Fernández and the work in Matanzas, Cuba, making more than 40 trips to that island.

Timothy is highly respected in the brotherhood for his character, knowledge, communication skills, radio broadcasts, and books, all of which have positively shaped and impacted his ministry.

We are extremely excited to welcome Timothy and his wealth of gifts, knowledge, and experience. He has already blessed TIBI, and we are confident that the Lord will use him to advance TIBI's mission in the Kingdom.

Please pray for Timothy as he begins this new chapter in his life with us.

TIBI sponsors first trip to Turkey, Greece, and Italy

In mid-October, TIBI took 41 people to Turkey, Greece, and Italy, including most of our admin team. We had 14 different guides and 16 different drivers. We had 2 international flights and 5 domestic flights, and our transportation included minivans, buses, planes, and the subway, in addition to averaging more than 10,000 steps a day walking. We visited forty sites and passed near many others.



The library of ancient Ephesus



The Parthenon in Athens

In Turkey, we went to Hierapolis, Laodicea, Ephesus, and Colosse. In Istanbul, where we straddled the continents of Asia and Europe, we saw the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, the Hippodrome, the Spice Bazaar, and the Bosphorus straits.

In Greece, we enjoyed Philippi, where Paul established the first church in Europe, as well as Thessaloniki, Delphi, Athens (Acropolis, Mars Hill), and Corinth. From a distance we saw Mount Olympus, Cenchrea, Thermopylae, and the Corinthian canal. Then we took a three-day Mediterranean cruise to Mykonos, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini.

In Italy, we went to Pompeii, then headed to Rome for two days, and saw the Vatican museum, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul's church outside the walls, the Catacombs, and Colosseum, the Forum, and the Mamertine prison.

The spirit of the group was amazing. People enjoying getting to know each other on the bus, walking through sites, at meals, helping each other with bags, and much more. We are grateful to each person who went, and we look forward to future trips!



The oracle shrine at Delphi

New undergraduate and graduate cohorts

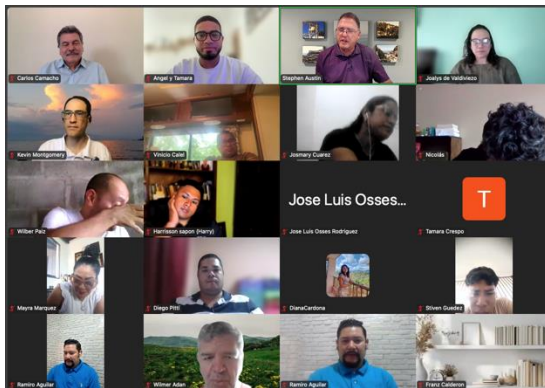
In mid-August, two new cohorts of students began their studies at TIBI and the RIB (Biblical Institute Network).

The undergraduate group (left, below) included 10 new scholarship students from El Salvador, Venezuela, Spain, Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Ecuador. We also added a total of 11 new students who are taking classes live but without a scholarship. Our total enrollment of live Zoom students is slightly over 100. Our 8 courses average a little over 30 students per course.

And the 8th cohort of the RIB (right, below) began as well, with 16 new students from 7 countries. In addition, the first course is shared with a group of 7 students from Abilene Christian University in a Hispanic ministerial equipping program.

We pray that the Lord guides each student in his or her preparation to serve, learn, share, collaborate, and mature as they contribute to the growth of the Kingdom in their communities and countries.

They are a blessing for us. We ask you to keep them in your prayers in the coming months and years, to achieve whatever the Lord has prepared for them.



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