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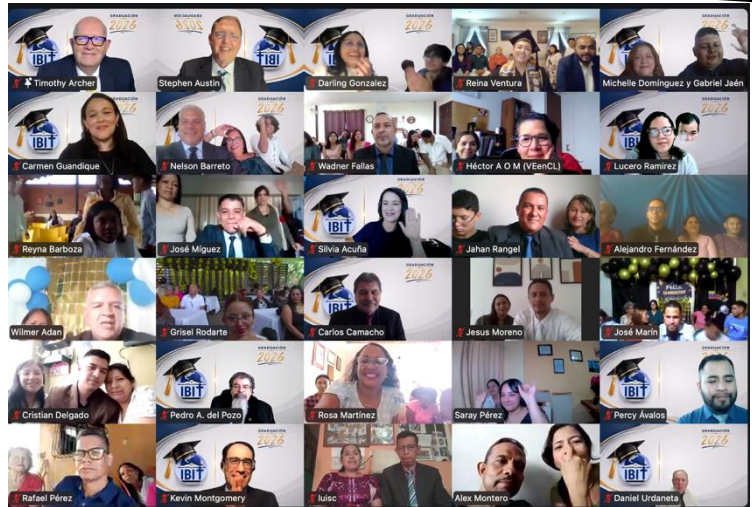
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*"I have learned the secret of
being content in every
situation...I can do
everything through Christ
who gives me strength."
Phil. 4:12-13*

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25th Graduation at TIBI

On July 25th, TIBI celebrated its 25th graduation (including online and Cuba graduations). Close to 200 people participated in the ceremony live through Zoom or the streaming event on our YouTube channel. The YouTube video has been seen over 800 times already.

There were 24 graduates in all, from 13 different countries-- 15 men and 9 women, representing at least 22 churches. They persevered not only through the courses and church work, but also illness, death of loved ones, fall of governments, earthquakes, floods, economic troubles, and inconsistent internet and electricity. We admire their zeal, sacrifice, and hard work to prepare themselves to labor in the Kingdom in spite of these hard circumstances.

Those who received Certificates of Ministry included: Héctor Argenis Ordóñez Medina (posthumously--sadly, we lost Hector to cancer in February), Reina Ventura, and Carmen Elena Guandique.

Those who received the Bachelors of Biblical Studies (recognized by the State of Texas) included, Percy Ávalos Rojas, Nelson Rafael Barreto, Claudio Andrés Bravo Núñez, Wadner Fallas Ortiz, José Rafael Pérez Angulo, Jhoany Saray Lema, Jahan Carlos Rangel Gavidia, and José Xirúm Saquir.

Those who graduated with the Bachelors of Ministry and Biblical Studies (certified by AETH) were Wilmer José Adán Calderón, Reyna Victoria Barboza López, Cristian Alejandro Delgado Urbano, Stephanie Michelle Domínguez Girón, Alejandro Abisai Fernández Mata, Darling del Valle González de González, Gabriel Antonio Jaén Vélez, José Jesús Marín Valerio, Rosa Elena Martínez Cedeño, José Gregorio Mendoza Míguez, Jesús Enrique Moreno Manzano, Lucero Andreína Ramírez Quintero, and Verónica Grisel Rodarte.

We are proud of these men and women and ask that you pray God would guide and bless them as they move into a new chapter of their lives and ministry.

Sixth Masters' Cohort Graduates

On August 8, the Biblical Institute Network (RIB in Spanish) celebrated the graduation of the sixth cohort. Eleven men received the Masters of Practical Theology degree, culminating 3 years of diligent studies, all while working in their local churches and often a secular job. This brings the total number of MPT graduates to 60 in the first six years. The ninth cohort starts classes this month.

Here were the graduates: from Nicaragua--José Dolores Alemán and Guillermo Domínguez; from Colombia—Cristian Corrales, Pedro Carreño, and Carlos Zuluaga; from Ecuador—Pablo Mena and Fernando Navarrete; from Mexico—Braulio Herrera, Daniel Martinez, and Freddy Pérez; and from Venezuela, Jesús Quero.



We are proud of these men, as well as their families and churches, and ask that you also pray for them in their lives and ministries.

PREDISAN--New TIBI partner in Honduras!

We are very excited to announce a new partnership with PREDISAN, in the city of Catacamas, Honduras, part of the Olancho province. The mission of PREDISAN is in their name — “predicar y sanar”, which in Spanish means “preach and heal”. They have been doing this for 40 years. Though begun by Doris and Robert Clark from the US, now PREDISAN is staffed, funded, and managed by Hondurans, at an extremely professional and thorough level.

PREDISAN invited TIBI to be a school who trains leaders and members of the churches in Olancho. I (Steve Austin) had the honor and privilege of meeting with Amanda Madrid, director for 38 of the 40 years, and the leadership team to learn about the hospital and two clinics they administer, among many other good works they've initiated. I also had a seminar with the 22 chaplains assigned to work in the hospital and outlying towns, from a number of different churches and denominations in the area. My goals were to get to know these leaders, share with them what TIBI does, and then see how our resources might be useful to them.

I also shared our information with a group of about 90 preachers from the churches of Christ in Olancho, and enjoyed speaking at the Sunday service, a quarterly unity meeting of many congregations in the area. As a result of this, the first Local Bible School has begun, based out of the hospital itself, and we have a wonderful initial group of 15 leaders who have commenced their studies. We pray this work can multiply rapidly and bless many in Olancho.



Curriculum revision for TIBI

Six years have passed since our bachelors' degree of Biblical studies and ministry was certified by the Association of Hispanic Theological Education (AETH), in conjunction with the Association of Theological Schools, who accredit many seminaries in the US. This certification has been a blessing, an external validation of the quality of our program which has attracted new students. We have renewed this certification each year and have completed the initial five-year probationary program.

This spring, we began an internal review of our curriculum, to assess the results and effectiveness of our program over the last six years. We were pleased, and yet also believe that we can always improve and adapt to a constantly-changing culture and world in which our students minister. So we sought input from our admin team and our faculty, to see what we had done well, what we could improve, and what new areas or courses might be needed. We discussed the results in groups, one on one, and online, and gathered the best ideas to implement. These changes meet or exceed the AETH criteria. We plan to initiate them this fall, starting August 17.



In the new curriculum, 31 of the 42 courses remain the same as the previous curriculum, with professors updating their courses each year. There are 5 completely new courses or half-courses, including OT theology, NT theology, Leadership, Writing and research, technology, and NT general epistles. Three courses were re-imagined and tailored to suit our Latin American context more exactly. And where certain sets of three courses overlapped and repeated some information, we combined them into one course.

With these changes, we welcome six new professors, bringing our total faculty to 24. Of these, 19 are Hispanics and 5 are Anglos. Six of the faculty have doctorates and 13 have masters' degrees, and several more are in the process of finishing their masters.

AETH quickly and overwhelmingly approved these changes. We are excited to implement them, because we believe this will make our courses and degree even more relevant, useful, cutting-edge, and academically rigorous. And since it is certified by AETH, our graduates can apply at any seminar in the US or Puerto Rico, and this will be readily accepted as a valid bachelors' degree.

Please continue to pray for each aspect of TIBI—our board, admin team, faculty, students, program, technology, and most of all the churches which we serve, so that the Kingdom of God may grow, and the name of Jesus may be glorified in all that we do.

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