**God blessed TIBI from A-Z in 2019! January 17, 2020**

**Austria**: We began to train refugee Muslims in Austria, in Farsi—new converts to Christianity from Iran and Afghanistan.

**Baptisms**: **630** in all this year at sites where TIBI helps train leaders, making a total of **4285**+ since 2009.

**Certification**: We applied for our bachelor’s program to be certified by a national organization called AETH; if we qualify for this, our graduates can be accepted to any graduate seminary in the US (and likely many in other countries).

**Directors**: our board is a blessing for TIBI; we added Gustavo and Micaela Villanueva as new members this year.

**EBLs**: flourishing local Bible schools in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and El Salvador, along with at least 10 others in different countries of Latin America.

**Farshad**: our wonderful translator in Vienna, Austria, who makes possible our classes in Farsi.

**God**: the One who makes all things possible, interesting, new, and excitingπ

**Hebrew 1 and 2, Hebrews, Homiletics, History and Geography, History of the church**: and 14 other great courses taught this year in our live video conferencing program with full-time scholarship students.

**Israel**: we enjoyed taking our 7th group to Jordan, then Israel, with **42** people for 14 days.

**Juan Meza, Jorge Pineda, Jim Holway**: and **22** other wonderful men serve as professors as TIBI (and partner schools) for our 40 courses.

**Kingdom work**: we believe we are helping shape and launch part of the new generation of Kingdom leaders.

**Liudmila Bencosme**: our amazing coordinator of TIBI’s work in Cuba, who reported that TIBI has had **13,299** students in Cuba who have taken at least one course! We currently have **2014** students active there.

**Masters of Practical Theology**: we welcomed our second cohort in the MPT, **10** in all, with our partners from Quito and Sunset.

**Numbers about graduates**: In 2019, TIBI graduated 11 more students from 6 countries. Now we have **164** current full-time students or graduates working in **112** congregations in **76** cities in **18** countries.

**Online students**: 2030+ in all, from 63 different countries, including all Latin America, and also places like Vietnam, Hong Kong, Israel, the Czech Republic, South Africa, Indonesia, Nigeria, Romania, and Slovakia!

**Planting churches**: We helped people in **4** places plant new churches, for a total of 63 planted since 2009.

**Quito School of Biblical Studies**: a partner school, with whom we share classes and jointly offer the MPT.

**ReDET**: a network of schools and programs in the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico, with whom we share resources and ideas to confront various challenges in Bible study and ministry.

**Students**: As of December 2019, we have a total of **4400** students in live, online, or EBL formats.

**Tony Fernandez**: Cuban leader, one of TIBI’s graduates, who has helped plant 50+ churches since 2006, and along with his wife Liudmila is a key partner in several TIBI projects in Cuba.

**Urdaneta, Daniel**: our IT specialist helping us improve our website, servers, and other tech aspects of TIBI.

**Venezuela**: the country with the largest number of TIBI graduates (32), from 25 different cities.

**We**: a key concept expressed in partnering in our admin team, with church leaders, members, and other schools.

**XV (15)**: number of years TIBI has been offering classes.

**YouTube channel**: has 900+ videos with more than 875,000 views, and 8910 subscribers, since April 2015.

**Zoom**: our video conferencing system, which now allows up to 300 sites connected per classroom!

God is good! We look forward to sharing Kingdom work with you in 2020, and we are grateful for your prayers and support. If you’d like more information about TIBI, or if we can help you, please contact me at [slaustin@cebridge.net](mailto:slaustin@cebridge.net), or (281) 787-3721.

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