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God has blessed us tremendously this year! We have been able to equip our main classroom with the technology necessary to transmit our classes in a live, interactive video conferencing format, and are doing so with Dallas at this time on all classes. We had a total attendance of 41 in our fall night classes.

God has blessed us with the funding for two and perhaps three full-time students here, and at least one more in Dallas so that, Lord willing, we will begin the full-time program in March. He has also provided more money to finish out my salary and funded the current school operations.

We have contacted every single Church of Christ within 90 miles of Houston by mail, email, phone, and in many cases, personal visits. As a result, the TGCBI is better known around the area, interest is increasing, and our support base of churches and individuals is growing.

We believe the future is bright. This year, in addition to the full-time program, we hope to begin at least two church plants as through the full-time students' efforts. We anticipate adding more sites to the video conferencing classes. And we may be putting some of our classes online, either live or archived, so that people all over the world can take advantage of distance learning.

We ask for your continued support, both financially and spiritually, in this important year. If you would like to learn more about the TGCBI, we would be happy to arrange a time to meet with you or your congregation. You may call me at 713-910-2819, or write me at or at [austin@tgcbi.org](mailto:austin@tgcbi.org). If you'd like information online, visit our site at [www.tgcbi.org](http://www.tgcbi.org).

God bless you.

Sincerely,

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