



# TIBI HERALD

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*"...the people you live  
among will see how  
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I, the Lord...do for you."  
Exodus 34:10*

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## THEN AND NOW...



The Lord has blessed us greatly during the last 10 years, and we have changed significantly in that span. We were the Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute (starting in Houston), and now the Texas International Bible Institute, with much greater reach and impact.

We had graduated a total of 8 students in 2009; now we have 113 graduates. We began our international program in 2009 with 8 students from 6 countries. Now it is normal to have 35+ studying from 11 countries. We received 19 applications for scholarships in 2009, and in 2019 received 56!

With our Polycom video conferencing, our system limit was at the most 9 sites; now we can have 6000 sites!

Our online course program had 5 courses and 220 students; now we have 43 courses and 2000+ students! Our local Bible school program didn't exist; now we have impacted more than 10,000 students through that program.



*Polycom*



*Zoom*

Students have visited us from 116 countries. One notable addition has been our work in Cuba, where we have had more than 10,000 students and implemented new kinds of certificates and leadership training programs.

We have a new website, server, online course system, operating system, and more efficient technology overall. In 2009 we began to offer a bachelors degree recognized by Texas; in 2019 we are pursuing certification by a national organization which could grant our graduates access to any seminary in the country.

We are so grateful to the Lord for his guidance and blessing, and looking at what has happened in just 10 years, we are immeasurably excited about the future. Please pray that the Lord will guide us to whatever ministry, place, or people he chooses in the next 10 years!

## **Welcome, New Students!**

In August, we began our 14th year of full-time classes, welcoming 8 new scholarship students from 8 different countries. In our full-time classes we have 26 students, and that number varies if we include students from other schools in places like Ecuador and Mexico.



*Corina Diaz  
Argentina*



*Franklin Diaz  
Venezuela*



*Ramon Oliva  
Mexico*



*Cesar Hernandez  
Colombia*

Corina is from Venezuela, but because of the crisis there, moved to Argentina, where she now worships and works with the Cristo Redentor church in Buenos Aires. Franklin is one of a team of workers in Carupano, Venezuela. Ramon ministers to a church in San Cristobal, Mexico. Cesar also is from Venezuela, but also had to leave, and is now working with a church in Cucuta, Colombia.



*Harry Palacios, family  
El Salvador*



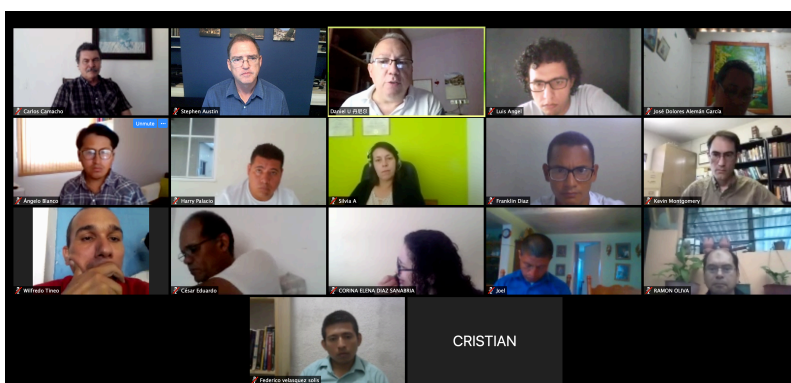
*Jose Alemán, family  
Nicaragua*



*Angelo Blanco, family  
Bolivia*



*Federico Velasquez, family  
Guatemala*



*Student orientation*

Harry is from El Salvador, where he works with the church in the Barrio San Nicolas neighborhood of the city of San Miguel. José and his family work with the church in Masatepe, Nicaragua. Angelo and his family serve in the church of Christ in Sucre, Bolivia, while Federico and his family serve in the Vista Hermosa congregation in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

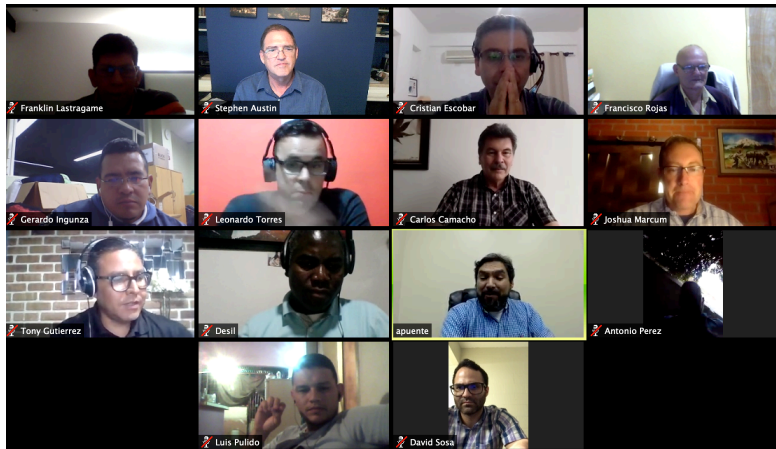
We ask for your prayers for all these students, their families, and their congregations. They have just finished their first cycle of classes and have done well. May God continue to bless and lead them.

## Masters' Program Initiates Second Cohort

The Red de Institutos Bíblicos (or RIB—Biblical Institute Network) received its second cohort of students in August 2019. This group is composed of 10 students from 6 different countries of Latin America.

They are Carlos Camacho and Othoniel Gutierrez (Mexico), Besias Desil and Leonardo Torres (Colombia), Cristian Escobar (Bolivia), Gerardo Ingunza and Franklin Lastragame (Ecuador), Luis Pulido and David Sosa (Venezuela), and Francisco Rojas (Costa Rica).

Over the next three years, they will take 12 courses, deepening their knowledge of the Bible and sharpening their ministry skills to apply in their local congregations. Upon completion of all requirements, they will receive a Masters of Practical Theology degree. Please pray for them in their studies and ministries.



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