

TIBI HERALD

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*"Unless the Lord builds
the house, its builders
labor in vain.."
Psalm 127:1*

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TIBI ACHIEVES MILESTONE CERTIFICATION



We are pleased to announce that TIBI has received an important certification for our Bachelors of Ministry and Biblical Studies degree.

The certifying organization is called the Hispanic Theological Education Association (AETH—Asociación de Educación Teológica Hispana). This is a national organization of schools, institutes, churches, scholars, professors, and church leaders whose purpose is to improve the quality, scope, and impact of theological education for Hispanic people, whether English or Spanish-speaking.

This certification is recognized by and offered in cooperation with the Association of Theological Schools, who are the major accrediting body for seminaries in the United States. Among the churches of Christ, they accredit the graduate Bible programs of ACU, Harding, LCU, and OCU. They also accredit other seminaries such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Vanderbilt, and Duke.

In 2013, wanting to improve the quality and quantity of theological and ministerial training resources for Hispanic people, ATS and AETH began a conversation about how AETH could certify qualified degree programs at different schools. The goal was to ensure that students were prepared academically and mentally for the rigors of graduate school, as well as training them for ministry.

Together, ATS and AETH established the criteria for the content and structure of a certified degree, and then laid out the certification process for schools or institutes to follow. TIBI was approved to begin this process in September 2018, which included an extensive self-study and a two-day visit with AETH's certification committee, and ongoing conversations throughout with the leadership of AETH.

TIBI is only the seventh institution to be certified by AETH, and the first in Texas!

This certification is an important external endorsement of the quality of our classes, professors, administration, structure, and stability. With this certified degree, our graduates will be eligible to apply for graduate studies at any seminary in the US or Puerto Rico, if they desire.

Our graduates have yet another affirmation that they are receiving a solid, comprehensive preparation for biblical study and ministry. We are pleased with this advance and look forward to continuing to grow and strengthen our program.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

On July 25, TIBI celebrated the 15th graduation of our history. Normally, we hold the ceremony at a supporting church in Houston and bring in all the remote graduates with our Zoom system. However, due to the coronavirus, we decided it would be wise to do it entirely on Zoom—which is just an extension of their normal class experience!



We had 17 sites with graduates and participants connected in one Zoom classroom, and streamed the ceremony live to our YouTube channel, which had more than 100 viewers live. More than 800 people have viewed it since.

For the first time, we also held the service entirely in Spanish, the first language of the vast majority of the audience. In addition to our normal TIBI staff participation, Yasnuary Albarran was selected by her classmates to deliver the graduates' speech and did a wonderful job. The graduates also collaborated on a short thank-you video to the supporters, in English and Spanish.



During the final prayer by one of our board members, Gustavo Villanueva, we invited the families and friends of our graduates to lay hands on them as a show of blessing and support. To me, that is always one of the most moving aspects, revealing so much love and tenderness during this moment of achievement.

We had 11 graduates this year. One, Pablo Hernandez, from Mexico, received our Christian Worker Certificate after taking the 16 courses of that program. Another 10 students received the Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree, with its 40 courses. Here are those graduates and the countries where they live and work:

Corina Elena Diaz Sanabria (Argentina);
Francisco Javier Patlán Camacho (Mexico)
Cristhian Fernando Ilovares Maradiaga, (Nicaragua)
Yasnuary Marley Albarran Montilva (Peru)
Eli Josué Almao Alvarez (Venezuela)
Manuel Alejandro Garcia Gutierrez (Venezuela)
Cruz del Valle Gutierrez de García (Venezuela)
José Rafael Medina Cumare (Venezuela)
Alfonso Junior Tarazona Ballesteros (Venezuela)
We are proud of these graduates and their wonderful achievements at TIBI and their churches. We pray for them in their ministries and communities.



MEET TIBI'S BOARD

Since the formation of the board in November 2003, we have been blessed by a group of godly men and women, passionate about missions, and generous with their ideas, time, and money. Our current board has eight men and two women, four of whom are Hispanic. They include Randy King, Dick Nill, Greg and Jamie Lemon, Paul Gidden, and Alan Mashburn, all from various churches in Houston; then also Flo Mata (Colorado), Lewis Norman (Oklahoma), and Gustavo and Micaela Villanueva (Abilene). They utilize their expertise to help TIBI's program, vision, goals, and finances. We are grateful for them and pray they continue to encourage TIBI's progress and development.



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