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We have started this year of strong! The students are motivated, the staff is motivated... we are all motivated! It is going to be a great year for us... and there is already proof of that! We have had **308 BAPTISMS** in just two months ... How great is the power of God! Our 97 students have made such a great impact so far this year. I ask for you to always include the students in your prayers.



In Guatemala so far, we have had 5 campaigns in these two months. The first one was in Huehuetenango, on the border with Mexico, our students traveled more than 10 hours to preach the gospel. This is a Church of Christ that is growing so much after a fellow BICA graduate, Danny Velasquez, joined them two years ago. He has really been doing a great job supporting the leaders of the church. The result of this week's hard work was 19 baptisms.

BICA GUATEMALA CAMPAIGNS

The second campaign was a special campaign. BICA joined Brother Paul Crites, a missionary from North America. He is located in the southern part of Guatemala City, which is called Ciudad San Cristobal. This church has been there several years and has many different ministries! We did a mini-campaign for a day and a half. Students traveled with Paul to the future location of a new congregation in a small town near San Cristobal. The result of this short campaign was 1 baptism. On Sunday, our students were gathered in the Church of Christ of San Cristobal and spent such a blessed time with the members of this church! Our BICA students strengthened the relationship with this local Church.

During the third and fourth campaign, we divided the 62 students into two groups. One group spent a week in the Church of Christ of Xejuyup, a Mayan town and the other half was in a Church of Christ in Maxanija. In both locations, there are graduates of BICA that are serving as leaders of the church. Many graduates from previous years are from this area and were with us supporting the campaigns. The results of these campaigns were 29 baptisms in Xejuyup and 21 in Maxanija. The last day we were in these locations, the two churches came together to have a united worship and to make a celebration of thankfulness directed toward our students.





The fifth campaign was held during the Annual Conferences of the Churches of Christ of Guatemala. This event includes all the churches of Christ and was established many years ago. This year, it was during the Holy Week (Easter Week). More than 2,500 people from all over the country of Guatemala traveled to be a part of this special three day event, including national and international preachers. One of the main coordinators is a BICA graduate from four years ago, Walter Luis. We are so very proud of our graduate for coordinating such a great conference!



BICA has been a vital part of the expansion of this activity. The students arrive four days before the conference in order to help with the preparations. Some preparations involve the installation of the large tent to cover more than 2,500 people, cleaning the location of the conference and most importantly, the students spent this week canvassing the city, knocking on doors and inviting people from the surrounding area to join us in worship and hear the good news!



During the actual conference, BICA students help in the logistics of the event. They are in charge of several areas, admission, discipline, cleanliness, lodging, children's class and other tasks. The best aspect is that this is such a great opportunity for students to put into practice what they learn in classes. They are given the chance to be servants to more than 2,500 people of the Church of Christ. The Brothers who coordinate this conference gave us words of encouragement, saying how thankful they are for the help of BICA and how the conference would not be possible without the students! That is something to be very proud of... This event was beneficial for the kingdom with 26 baptisms for the glory of God!



We had two campaigns in Honduras during these past two months!

The first was in Choluteca, at a church that is located in the southern part of Honduras. It is one of the hottest climate cities in Honduras. Every day is between 85 and 95 degrees fahrenheit. The preacher of this Church is a Brother named Victor Manuel Flores, who has been a friend of BICA for many years and also has donated a lot of his time to teach our students.

The church of Christ in Choluteca was established four years ago and started with 35 active members. After this campaign with BICA Honduras, they were able to add new Brothers and Sisters to their congregation! Choluteca is known to be a more dangerous area in Honduras due to gang presences, but with help from the Lord message of salvation was shared. Thankful to report that through the heat and the location... there were 20 baptisms in this city!

God always touches hearts and it is amazing how the Holy Spirit works in people. Two of those who were baptized were associated with a local gang and they continued to be in attendance for campaigns each night! We were shocked. The church was so very grateful for the work done through BICA this week! The second one was in Catacamas we had 23 baptisms in that week, all the glory to God!



WEEKEND MINISTRY

Weekend ministries have begun for the year! Every weekend, students are sent in pairs to different Churches of Christ throughout the country. The students are visiting, supporting, and evangelizing at churches that have specifically requested the help of BICA students. Every Friday, students travel to the church and begin helping the church in evangelism and teaching the church members how to evangelize... *we call this making disciples!*

We also help in the area of leading worship, preaching, and leading life-groups. This year we are helping 43 churches in Honduras and Guatemala, and the result of the weekend ministry work is 114 baptisms and more than 100 disciples! The Lord truly is working so powerfully through our students. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.



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NATIONAL SEMINAR

We are very excited to host the second BICA National Seminar! This seminar is new this year and was established in order to continue training and preparing our graduates, as well as other leaders of the Church of Christ. In this seminar, our main speaker was Brother Juan Antonio Monroy from Madrid, Spain. Brother Monroy is internationally known as a famous author. One of his most popular books he has written is entitled *Men of Fire*. It is a book that seeks to spiritually form the character of the followers of Jesus... and it does just that! We study this book for a week at BICA and it helps our students have the character that God desires for us! For many of our graduates, it was a such a pleasure to meet the author of the book they studied while at BICA.

The second BICA National Seminar was a total success as well, with more than 300 people in attendance and such a powerful message! For BICA, it is such a blessing to have former graduates return and give an update of their work in various areas as well! We are already looking forward to the next BICA National Seminar this year!



BICA in Cuba



Our Executive Director Roberto Alvarez Sr. was invited this April to Cuba to visit the Sunset Bible School there. They asked him to visit in order to teach the students the method of evangelism like how it is taught at BICA. In the final days of class, Roberto told the students to bring someone they wanted to share the gospel with, someone they wanted to evangelize. The next day, the students brought a total of four people. Roberto spent time with each one to share the gospel with them using the BICA Evangelism Method. All students were present for the conversation so they were able to learn from him first hand! The result from this effort was 3 of the 4 people were baptized that day.

This is just a reminder that the good news is GOOD NEWS in whatever part of the world you are! Evangelism efforts that are taught at BICA are powerful and effective, no matter where. After one week, Roberto returned to Guatemala and later received the following email below from a student at SIBI Cuba that said:

Dear Brother Roberto,

God bless you. I hope it has arrived well.

I have been evangelizing under the method that you demonstrated to us, and the results are wonderful! We have already had a baptism in only three days, and we have plans for another baptism planned for Thursday, Lord willing.

Thank you Brother for sharing this method with us, which will be so useful in our efforts to serve the Lord through the work of evangelism. I hope to send you photos of the baptisms!

May the Lord continue to bless you. I want to send encourage the BICA students... Tell them that we are praying for them and for the progress of the work in Guatemala and Honduras.



Thank you *Sunset Bible Institute* for letting
BICA partner with you in sharing the gospel!



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REX BARKER

These are exciting times for BICA! Both the Guatemala and Honduras schools have enrolled a record number of students. Plans for expanding the facilities at both campuses are moving forward.

Young evangelists are being equipped to spread God's Word throughout Central America. As they learn more, their confidence grows. On each campaign they use what they've learned and hone their skills in communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ.

But most importantly:

Heaven rejoices each time a sinner repents.

BICA students are causing much rejoicing!

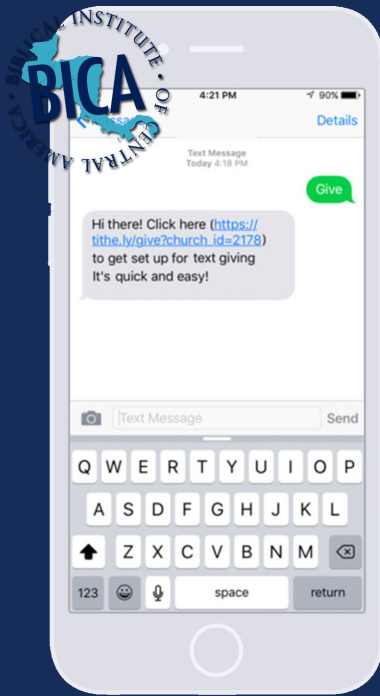
Your support of the school and these students is causing joy in Heaven... are you excited?

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