

LATIN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Developing Healthy Churches and Church Leaders in Latin America and Beyond

Mission-Ministry Newsletter

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We have passed the halfway point in 2014 and it is a good time to look back and remember what God is doing. One of the most exciting things aspects of this ministry so far in 2014 is the progress made on the evangelistic Bible study, “En Pos de la Verdad.” The translation and setup is complete and **Spanish Literature Ministry** has agreed to help with printing and distribution. I have distributed several thousand lessons; those receiving and using the studies are enthusiastic; and I am receiving reports of baptisms. One brother observed that the method used in the studies is different than other materials available in Spanish. Another brother is so excited that he is working to print hundreds of copies for use in evangelism in his congregation.



The success of the printed material has reminded me of the need to develop and write more materials, seminars and Bible studies. The churches in Latin America are hungering and thirsting for good materials and studies. Because of the need to travel and be personally present, the writing process is slow but progressing. I continue to format and post seminars and materials online to make them accessible.

So far this year, I have traveled to Guatemala, Honduras (2 trips), Panama, Peru, and El Salvador. I was stateside in March and April while I was teaching a Wednesday night class at Park Plaza on Restoration History.



While that interrupts my international travel, it allows me to use weekends for preaching and teaching appointments.



In May I was in Tegucigalpa, Honduras for the annual **Baxter Seminar** (picture left, part of the seminar crowd). My primary purpose was to encourage evangelism and share the “En Pos de la Verdad” evangelism materials, although I also spent some time with church

leaders working through a mission problem. My next stop was **Panama** where I spent a day visiting with Park Plaza’s missionaries.



At the annual national conference of ministers and church leaders in **Lima, Peru** I taught six hours on the book of Revelation. Group pictures are always popular in Latin America (picture left, some of the seminar participants). At **Santo Domingo** I taught and preached, then presented an



afternoon session for the youth (picture right, some of the youth group), and a Bible study with questions and answers for the entire church.



In June I traveled to **El Salvador and Honduras** with **Ralph McClurg**, spending time on the El Salvador side of the border at La Palma, and on the Honduras side of the border at **Ocotepeque**. On Sunday morning before worship, we went to the city park for breakfast; several were interested in what two gringos were doing in town, and listened intently as I described our work, the nature of the church, and our focus on New Testament restoration (picture, left).

On Saturday, we met with the mayor of the city to discuss help for the municipal clinic (picture right, I am with the mayor, Ralph, and Jorge the local preacher).



From Ocotepeque I went to **Santa Rosa de Copan** for three days of “boot camp” with area church leaders. This is part of the work of **Phil and Donna Waldron** through **Mission Upreach**. About 25 were present for an intense study of the letters to Timothy and Titus (picture left, the group of church leaders). From Santa Rosa I went to San Pedro Sula where I did a weekend seminar

with the Barrio Cabañas congregation (picture right).

Along the way, we were blessed at **Iglesia de Cristo—Park Plaza** to have **Pedro Sanchez**, an elder from Santiago, Chile, with us for a seminar. As soon as I got home from El Salvador and Honduras, I was privileged to speak on the **Park Plaza summer series**. July found Jan and me in Tennessee for a mission presentation, sharing time with **Steve and Jeanne White** in a brief breakfast reunion in Kentucky, and spending time with church leaders in Michigan. I am happy when Jan can accompany me as I spend time encouraging others and working with the churches. It is always a special joy to return to the **Holmes Road church of Christ in Lansing**. The stateside trip also provided some personal relaxation time.



COMPLETING FIVE YEARS

I will soon finish five years in this ministry. I am blessed to be able to serve in many different ways; God has blessed me and guided me in a ministry that is making a difference in the growth and development of the churches in Latin America. God has opened doors in Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Perú, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Opportunities in the US continue to multiply in both Hispanic and English-speaking churches with teaching and preaching, seminars, presentations; and mission emphasis days.

HOW YOU CAN HELP. This work is possible because interested churches and Christians provide working funds for travel and materials. [With regard to personal support, Jan and I are totally self-funded.] We are grateful for the many Christians who pray regularly for us and for this work. This work of strengthening and edifying local churches in order to develop healthy model churches, developing biblical leadership in the churches, and equipping local churches for ministry, evangelism and church planting is possible only by God’s grace. God calls us and places us according to our gifts, opening doors as we seek to make his purpose our purpose.

This ministry is overseen by the elders of the congregation in McAlester, Oklahoma. Gifts are tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to the Main and Oklahoma Church of Christ with the memo line for “Latin American Leadership.” Please note that **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO MY TULSA ADDRESS** (included in the heading on page 1) so I can handle deposits and gift acknowledgements. This ensures accurate accounting.

[**Note:** all reports are available at www.bobyongresources/missions/mission-reports.htm.]

Que Dios le bendiga (may God bless you),
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[In the great cities of Latin America many people are receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ and Christians hunger and thirst for the word of God and encouragement toward healthy church development and effective leadership]