

## ***LATIN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT***

*Developing Healthy Churches and Church Leaders in Latin America and Beyond*

### ***Mission and Ministry Newsletter***

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#### **An "Out of Season" Update**

I am sending this "out of season" newsletter to highlight some financial needs that have crossed my desk in the two months since my last report. This update briefly explains the needs. I hope you personally or your congregation will prayerfully consider them. (I will report on my mission activities in the next regularly scheduled report in early June.)

- Three Guatemala churches in the western part of the country have a church planting program in which they have planted six (6) new congregations in the last five years. They are **seeking \$1200-1800 annually** to pay for a **church-planting worker**.
- The Los Angeles congregation in Bogota has an opportunity to purchase a permanent **church building**. They have been renting, but they have to keep moving the meeting location. With the funds that the local church has collected in anticipation and the involvement of a major sponsoring church, they have about two-third of the funds needed. My personal goal is to try to **find \$5000** to contribute to this project.
- A **brother in Nicaragua** lost his support because the U.S. brother who was supporting him has experienced financial difficulties. The bridging amount is **\$1800** (\$200/month for the next nine months).
- There are always needs for bridging preacher support, either because of the loss of support or to help fill in the gap to encourage local churches in Latin America who are trying to "grow in this grace." A fairly standard amount is \$100-150/month. If your church would like to pick up a mission work for this amount of money, I can provide the connection so that you receive regularly reports and the work becomes "yours."
- The Cumbal (Colombia) **building project** needs between **\$500-1000** to finalize the project and make the building totally functional. (Any excess can be used to support the church in Tulcan (Ecuador) where they are building a new auditorium primarily with their own funds and the labor of the members of the church.

#### **ENCOURAGING WORDS**

When I receive encouraging words, I hope they are also encouraging words meant for those who help make this work possible with working funds and with special projects funds.

*Missouri. You give us such a great boost and make us better! Our attendance always goes up when people know you will be here.*

*Tennessee. You make us better as a church. You encourage us and make us believe we can do what God wants.*

*Ecuador. We can't wait until you're here!*

*Colombia. Are the dates confirmed? Always doing amazing things!*

*Honduras. Thank you for blessing the churches in Honduras, and around the world.*

*Chile. Many blessings to you, brother, for all your labor in the work. May God keep giving you energy and love for his word. A hug, we are expecting you soon in Chile. Another hug.*

*Arizona. Wherever Bob goes things happen for the Lord!! He is God's blessing wherever he goes!*

## Looking Forward, Things to Pray About

As always, the calendar is full, and I continue to accept more invitations when I can find an available slot. Here are some things to pray about, especially for the churches in other countries that are served through this ministry.

- May: mission trip to Peru (teach in Bible Institute, teach and speak at national conference in Lima, visits to churches in Trujillo and Chiclayo, regional seminar in Huamachuco with a group of fifteen (15) local churches).
- August: teacher and speaker at national conference of Spanish preachers.
- July to December: Kentucky, Tennessee, Ecuador, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Chile, and Honduras.

## YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As you know, a part of this work focuses on helping with special needs and bridging opportunities. In a future report, I will include a list of the special projects you have helped fund. You make a difference when you help our brothers and sisters in Latin America; you make a difference when you pray.

To the churches and Christians who help this work with work and travel funding, and with funding for special evangelism and outreach projects in Latin America, on behalf of many Christians you do not know personally, I say “thank you very much.” Through our host congregation (Main and Oklahoma in McAlester, Oklahoma), we can accept tax-deductible gifts (checks made payable to “Church of Christ” with the memo line, “Latin American Leadership”).

Note that **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO MY TULSA ADDRESS** (10704 S 89<sup>th</sup> East Ave, Tulsa, OK 74133), as I am responsible for handling deposits, gift acknowledgements, and accounting. If funds are for a specific need or project, please include that information with your gift.

*Que Dios le bendiga (may God bless you),  
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*[Photo: downtown San Pedro Sula, Honduras. 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]*

