



## Guatemala Teachers Upgrade to Associate Degree Level

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All of the Bible School faculty in Guatemala are graduates of a UPC approved Bible School. However, the majority of them do not fulfill the requirements for an Associate Degree with the Global Education of Theological Studies. We have gone through the transcripts and records of each teacher and determined what they are lacking in subject material and classroom hours.

In 2009 we were able to work with our teachers and complete missing hours of study in some courses, but the majority of teachers were still lacking eleven courses of study from the Associate Degree curriculum.

In 2010/2011 we are working to cover these courses with our faculty. In March Pastor Raymond Woodward, from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada came to Guatemala for intense teaching sessions with our Guatemalan faculty. He very capably covered the materials of Holiness and Poetic Books. In fact our 54 teachers were hanging on to every word as he brought so many rich truths to light through the study of the word of God.



Our teachers became the students in the classroom, and were not only blessed through awesome teaching, but also were challenged through such high quality and profound teaching. They were given a model to follow; a high standard to strive for in lesson preparation and excellence in classroom teaching. Not only

are they fulfilling the requirements for the Associate Degree program, but this is developing into part of their training to become more effective teachers.



During 2010 and 2011 we have other capable teachers coming to Guatemala to offer similar studies to our faculty. They are investing in our teaching staff and leaders of the UPC of Guatemala. This is a wonderful opportunity made available to us

through our enrollment in the GATS program. Our teachers are excited as they want to be ready to begin the GATS Bachelor Degree program once it is up and running. GATS has inspired our teachers to 'strive for excellence' and we are reaping wonderful benefits because of it in the T.L. Craft Institute of Pentecostal Ministries of Guatemala.

Rev. Ron Brian, missionary to Haiti, said it well in a recent meeting with leadership from the Central America, Caribbean and Mexico region, 'With all that GATS offers, who wouldn't want to be a part of it?'

