

# Hoorays and Hallelujahs

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## “Go...and Teach All Nations...”

### *All Desks Occupied*

Richard Carver believes that Bible school students are receiving the necessary teaching to equip them for their part in the great harvest in Papua New Guinea. There were sixty-seven students in recent classes. All desks were occupied and some students had to pull up another chair as their desk.

### *Highest Enrollment Ever*

Brad Thompson, Guatemala, rejoices over a record enrollment of 363 students in their Bible College this year. Some of their students are shown on the right. Brad also coordinates the Global Association of Theological Studies involvement in his region that has over thirty-nine Bible colleges.



### *Advance Argentina*

Michael Sponsler rejoices over twenty graduates from their two year Bible school being released into the harvest with a vision and burden to reach Argentina with the gospel.

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## *Apostolic AIMer in Austria*

Nathan Hulsman, AIMer to Austria reports that there are forty-three students from three different countries who are attending the Apostolic Ministry Training Center. They come hungry to study the Word of God. He states, "Each month that we meet, we move one step further on the journey that God has laid out for Europe. This is the future of the church...."

## *Largest Graduating Class in Nigeria*

Gerry McLean, Nigeria, expects 2010 to be the largest graduating class ever. Forty-two men and women will embark on the thrilling task of evangelizing Nigeria's over 140,000,000 people.

This past year they had twelve graduates. At least six have requested ministerial license with us. Two are already pastors and the other four are either assisting in the churches that sent them or have started an internship with one of our pastors.

## *Teaching Thousands Pays Off*



Bennie DeMerchant emphatically believes that teaching thousands of Brazilians is paying off with explosion and solid growth in the work. They have been involved in Bible school work since 1972. Many of those who graduated in the 70's are now superintendents of large districts that are growing and also have Bible schools and now have three graduations of Indian converts who are doing a great job on upper Rio Negro area of northern Brazil. The government recognizes their

curriculum and gives them two years of college credit if any of the students would like to attend another college.

He writes, "Because of your faithful giving, with the help of the Lord, this vine in Brazil (a country of 200 million) has produced a constituency of 82,200 in 1,251 churches and preaching points. Fifty three Bible schools thrive with 182 dedicated teachers teaching missions and other

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courses to 900 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students who are challenged to reach their own people and others abroad.”



## *No Greater Business*

There is no doubt how John Cogan, missionary to the Philippines feels about Bible school. He writes, “This is what it’s all about! There is no greater business that is more important than Bible training! For the past thirty years we have been involved in training young people, here in the Philippines.”

## *Students in Action*

Jack Coolbaugh, Thailand reports that at the Thai General Conference there were eleven graduates that received their two-year diplomas. Four others were not able to come to the conference but their diplomas will be taken to them. This is the largest graduating class they have ever had and they are very thankful for what the Lord is doing.

Brother Coolbaugh also states that during school break, school staff and many students traveled to north central Thailand to help a small church with an outreach and revival lasting three days. The Bible school rented a large lighted platform and helped prepare food, songs, and testimonies for an evening service. During the day, church people “knocked doors” in small area towns and passed out invitations to every home for that service. About six hundred



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Buddhists came. This is the first time this bold culturally-unconventional type of outreach has ever been conducted by our church people and the results were astounding.

## *Six in Sri Lanka*

Prince Mathiasz, Sri Lanka, joyfully reported the successful graduation of their six graduates. Four are already pastoring. The graduation ceremony was attended by 570 people. It has sparked great interest and many are interested in coming to Bible school.



## *One Bible School at a Time...One Nation at a Time*

Roger Buckland recently stated to our Global Education Committee, “One Bible School at a time...one nation at a time.” His region contains seventy-five nations and more than 1.19 billion people and nearly twenty percent of the world’s population. He states, “The potential to reach the masses increases all the more with the approval of each new Bible school in our region.” At home, in the Czech Republic, the Bucklands have just completed translation of their three year curriculum. In Serbia, they are aggressively pursuing translation there. God’s Word, in one’s mother tongue, speaks the language of the heart.

## *Phenomenal Church Growth a Result of Consistent Bible School Training*

The Bucklands recently were the guest speakers at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Institute of Ministries in Davao City, Philippines. This is where Brother Buckland had once served as president for nearly nine years. It was their joy to witness the phenomenal growth taking place, largely as a result of consistent Bible School training. About three hundred former graduates and staff members were able to attend this special celebration. From their departure

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seventeen years ago Mindanao Island has grown from three districts to five. There were about four hundred churches on the island, and now there are nearly eight hundred; doubling in size.

## *Excitement in Mexico*

Scott Guinn, Mexico is so excited about the beginning of Bible school in both states of Puebla and Oaxaca. The Puebla school has twenty-two students participating in classes. Oaxaca was blessed with attendance of twenty. (Of course, these are not the only Bible schools throughout Mexico, just the ones featured in this report.)

## *Thrilled in the Dominican Republic*

Steve Shirley, Dominican Republic is thrilled that 105 students are enrolled in their Bible School program this year!

## *The China Challenge*

Steve Willoughby, Singapore reports that their missionary to China revealed that 201 were baptized in Jesus name and 162 received the Holy Ghost. The Bible school, started in August 2009, has recently finished its second semester. He believes there will be over 1,000 graduates by 2014.



## *Learning Translates into Leading*

George Craft, European Ministries Training/Evangelism states that in November of 2009 they taught Bible Schools in Madrid and Barcelona, Spain. Forty-three students attended both schools. This training has produced leadership for thirty-one new churches which began in the last eight years.

## *Ghana Go-getters!*

Nick Sisco, Ghana reports that twenty-five graduated at a Portable Bible School. In services two received the Holy Ghost and two were baptized in Jesus name. At one of Ghana's five extension schools there were ten that graduated. One of the recent graduates from the main campus of the African Center for Theological Studies is also pastoring the most recent Bible school church plant. Recently, six were baptized in Jesus name and two received the Holy Ghost. At a recent seminar in the capital, approximately three hundred were in attendance including thirty-five church leaders of other organizations. Now, that is reaching through teaching.