



Bible School training is the key to mature, established leadership for the UPCI in South America.

In 1975 a gang leader, Raul DeAsis, came to the Headquarters Church in Argentina from an afternoon plaza service. He was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost. Raúl's background didn't qualify him for anything but trouble. Raised in a jungle area, he didn't know what a pair of shoes was until he was 13.

Survival depended on who was the toughest and at a young age he already was tough. Determined to make his way in life he made his way to the capital of Buenos Aires where the allures of power and the hard life entrapped him.

Even in his childhood he relates a dream he had when he was in danger for his life. " I was in a deep hole and there was no escape. As I looked upwards I saw faces and hands of others reaching down to me. Faces of races and color I had never seen in my young life. I know now it was God showing me that someday I would see those faces in different countries throughout the world.."

Raúl attended Bible School, married and went to Rosario to take a church. Raúl and his sweet wife, Elsa, have pastored that church for 39 years. His gang leadership served him well when put to God's use. He has sent out over 40 pastors from that church. They have had death, disaster and hardship strike their family, but they have never wavered.

A visionary, Bro. DeAsis, was elected President of the UPCI of Argentina in 2007 and under his leadership the country has exploded with growth. The constituency has more than doubled in the past 8 years!

As missionaries it was a privilege and joy to work shoulder to shoulder with Bro. DeAsis.

Bible School makes the difference in the development and knowledge of the Word. Raúl serves as President of the UPCI of Argentina because the investment you make in Student Support reaps eternal benefits in the Kingdom of God.