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## Nicaragua Bible School Dedication



## Nicaragua

The WH Dean Memorial Bible School Complex was dedicated in August 2014.

Bros. Jim Poitras and Brad Thompson represented GATS and Global Missions. It was an honor to rejoice with Missionary Steve Nix, the leadership of Nicaragua, and the Dean family.

2014 was the first year for the Bible School in Nicaragua to operate totally GATS compliant. We rejoice with the 45 students and eight teachers who successfully completed this year of study.



Guatemala Bible School 2014.  
Classes offered in 19 locations, with 506 students.



A Group of the 48 Graduates in 2014

## Unprecedented growth in Bible School

During our deputation travel in North America, God gave us the vision that during the next five years we would have Bible School classes offered in 30 locations in Guatemala with 1000 students being trained yearly.

We returned to Guatemala in time for the Regional Conventions in May and June 2013, and immediately began casting the vision to our pastors and churches. The excitement was unbelievable and the results were staggering! We ended 2013 with 386 students enrolled in 8 locations, which in itself was a great victory.

But in January 2014 we opened our doors in 17 locations around the nation, by February the number had risen to 19 locations and a total enrollment of 506 students.

On January 19th we will be opening our doors in 26 locations in Guatemala and expect an enrollment of over 650 students. If students cannot come to the Bible School then we will go to them! Our goal is to train and equip men and woman for effective ministry. We want to raise up an army of laborers to reach the souls of Guatemala!

The second part of the vision was to build FIVE regional Bible School complexes in strategic locations throughout Guatemala. From there, extension programs would branch out into those regions.

By the end of 2013 two beautiful properties had already been purchased! Both are on major highways and central to the Mayan Indian churches in the interior of the nation. Construction has started on both of these regional schools and four other properties have been purchased or donated. 2015 will be the year of the greatest expansion that our Bible School program has ever seen in the nation of Guatemala.



Brad with the construction committee on our new Bible School property in the mountains of Guatemala

A group of some of our 92 Bible School teachers, excited about what God is doing in Guatemala



## Thirteen Graduates in El Salvador in 2014



## 10 Graduate in Honduras

The Bible School in Honduras had a total of 16 students and 9 teachers in the Diploma level program in 2014. The 10 graduates are pictured below. They were able to pay off their new Bible School property this year and are excited about building a new complex for training ministers and lay workers.

## El Salvador Bible School

The El Salvador Bible School rejoices in another record breaking year with a total of 325 students enrolled in 14 programs throughout the country. They also celebrated their second GATS graduation with 13 Associate level graduates.

In April 2015 they are planning the dedication of a beautiful new Bible School complex in the heart of San Salvador. The picture to the right is of a group of their teachers. The majority are now GATS certified.



**All seven Central American nations are now using GATS curriculum in their Bible Schools**

## Costa Rica Bible School

The Bible School in Costa Rica had a record breaking year with a total enrollment of 153 students. They are currently offering day and night classes in the capital city.

In 2014 they had 11 teachers, but will be starting 2015 with 15

teachers involved in their training programs. Most of the teachers are now GATS certified. Although they attend the GATS training in Nicaragua each year, we are planning a seminar in Costa Rica this year to meet some of their specific needs.



Teachers in Costa Rica



Day Students in Costa Rica



Classes in Costa Rica



**Bible School Teachers at the Sub Regional GATS Seminar in Guatemala - the largest UPCI GATS Seminar**

### **GATS Seminars being held throughout our region**

Thanks to a successful deputation, funding is now available for Brad to travel throughout the CAC Region providing teacher training and helping revive the vision for Bible Schools. All Central American nations now have GATS Bible Schools and the growth and transformation has been amazing. Our two annual GATS Faculty Development Seminars in Central America are the largest training seminars for Bible School teachers in the UPC world wide with over 275 teachers participating.

This past year we have also held seminars in Haiti, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Panama. In total over 400 Bible School Teachers from our region have participated in these seminars and the impact is being seen as nations are renewing their vision for training, teachers are striving for excellence in the classroom and the local Bible School programs are growing.



**GATS Seminar in Haiti**



**GATS Seminar in Nicaragua**



**GATS Seminar in Panama**



**GATS Seminar in Puerto Rico**

## **CAC GATS Membership Nations**

**Guatemala - Belize - Honduras - El Salvador - Nicaragua -  
Costa Rica - Puerto Rico\* - Haiti - Dominican Republic\* -  
Jamaica - Surinam - Panama\*\***

*\*approved this year - \*\* application in process*

## Panama

Panama is in application process. The first GATS Seminar was a great success with over 50 in attendance. In December they had 15 students graduate. They are currently restructuring their training programs to be GATS compliant.



## Haiti

Our first French GATS Faculty Development Seminar was held in Haiti and was a great success! The teachers were very enthusiastic and excited about achieving excellence! This past year there were 64 students enrolled and 6 teachers. In September 17 students graduates at GATS Diploma Level. They already have 73 students enrolled for 2015!

# *Regional Bible Schools*



## Belize

The Bible School program in Belize had a total enrollment of 24 students in 2014. Classes are offered in the cities of Belize and Belmopan and in two of the Mayan Indian villages. There will be two Certificate Level graduates in February.

## The Dominican Republic

In November, Bro Poitras, Matthew Mullins and I held two Faculty Development Seminars in the DR with over 70 in attendance. This is our newest GATS nation. They already have a very successful Bible School program and in 2014 they had a total enrollment of 168 students in 11 locations around the nation. In July 2014 they celebrated the graduation of 33 students.

## Puerto Rico

A total of 38 were present in the introduction GATS Seminar. The excitement was unbelievable and the vision was renewed for training. The results are evident in 61 students enrolled in 5 locations around Puerto Rico this year, and 20 teachers participating in this first year as a GATS program.



# Bible School Logos in our Region



Dominican Republic



Haiti



Guatemala

A good place to have  
a logo designed is at:  
<http://99designs.com>



Por el crecimiento de más obreros  
Y la formación superior  
Para los que han sido llamados por  
Dios



Puerto Rico

