

GATS SOUTH AMERICA

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DOCENDO DISCIMUS

Leyton Quesada started a church plant while still a student at Instituto Biblico AGET Chile

Quotables

George Washington-Carver -

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”

Charles Spurgeon -

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.

Nelson Mandela -

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

John Dewey -

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

Abraham Lincoln -

The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.

SOUTH AMERICA COMES ALIVE!

It has been my distinct privilege to have served as the GATS Coordinator for the South American region. I am grateful for my predecessor, Bro. Joseph Bir for his faithful labor in the region.



Due to personal and family health issues as well as new national responsibilities in Chile, I was unable to accomplish as much as I had desired in 2014, however I believe that the South American region is well-positioned well to see a greater involvement in the GATS program in 2015.

As I was appointed as GATS Coordinator after finishing deputation, I will need to be judicious with my travel expenses this term and prioritize my trips.



I firmly believe that the health of the Bible School determines the future of the nation, and I believe that GATS is the best way to ensure that our nations see the revival and growth. GATS is renewing the vision and passion within our region for training. It is an exciting time to be a part of the regional training program!

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. - Proverbs 9:9

Greetings in the all-powerful name of Jesus! GATS is shaking things up in South America! In Chile alone, since becoming a GATS affiliated school, they have opened two additional campuses in addition to the central school in Santiago. We now have a Bible Schools in the northern region (Coquimbo) and in the southern region (Talcahuano).



Here is a brief summary of GATS activities within the region:

Argentina - Is a fully functioning Diploma Level GATS school. They currently have 60 students enrolled for 2015 and recently graduated 33. The GATS coordinator will be making a trip to Argentina in 2015 for a training seminar.

Brazil - Has the most Bible Schools of any nation, now counting over 100 with over 3,000 students. We are proud to call them a GATS nation.

Bolivia - Although we have received a letter of intent, the process has been stalled. The resident missionary is no longer involved in the Bible School and the national pastor overseeing it has been less than communicative.

Chile - Currently approved on the Diploma level. In the 2014 graduation, there were 28 graduates. Chile has had its ups and downs with regards to the Bible School. It even established its own independent Board, however this hasn't been successful.

The National Board is now making plans to increase oversight.

Colombia - Not currently a GATS school, however the national president, Marco Tulio Oviedo has requested that we make a trip to Colombia to promote GATS in May, 2015. They have a very high quality 2-year Bible School with four campuses and 95 students. They are genuinely excited at what GATS can offer their program.

Ecuador - We will be working with Ecuador in the future to roll out GATS

Paraguay - By far the most organized GATS nation. It was the first approved in the region and recently celebrated their first 100% GATS graduation.

Peru - Recently approved for GATS, a trip will be made in February to roll out the program. They are currently working with a 2-year, 600 hour program. The issue has been the Director of Education has isolated himself and is impossible to reach. The positive is that Pastor Samuel Torres, National VP in Lima, has started a Bible School and has requested the GATS training.

Uruguay - We have received their letter of intent, however the process has stalled. I met with Bro Walmer at the South American Conference and he stated that he would submit the application immediately. We have yet to receive it.

Venezuela - The most successful Bible School in our region. It is because of their Bible School that the work in Venezuela has seen the results in the harvest. At the South American Conference, I was invited by Bro & Sis Burton to visit Venezuela to present the GATS program. We will endeavor to do so when visiting Colombia in May.



2015 Goals:

1. Roll out GATS program in Peru - A trip will be made February 18-21 for a teacher/training seminar.
2. Roll out GATS program in Colombia - The GATS regional coordinator, along with the Director of Education and GATS Central American Coordinator will be presenting the program to Colombia in May.
3. Roll out GATS program in Venezuela - We are attempting to combine the Colombian trip in May with a visit to Venezuela.

I am honored to be a part of the GATS team and am looking forward to a great 2015 in the pursuit of ministerial excellence!

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Bible School Graduates - Chile



Associate Degree Recipients - Paraguay



Bible School Graduates - Argentina



GATS Chile Instructor Jose Poblete baptizing a (former) Catholic priest!