



UPDATE

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From the President...



President Jorge E. Mercado

My family and I just got back from the city of Zacatecas in central Mexico where the Mexican Christian Convencion took place this year. We had a booth for Colegio and did workshops during three days; I spoke to all the adults and my wife Carmen spoke to the ladies. The convention was well attended and there was a sweet spirit of brotherly love. Something that caught my attention was the amount of Colegio graduates who attended and who are involved in full time Christian ministries throughout Mexico. It is always encouraging to know of the outreach of Colegio Biblico's ministry. I hope you too feel encouraged in knowing that your gifts to Colegio are making it possible for our graduates to take the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to places where perhaps you and I will never have a chance to visit.

Summer Work Groups

A work group from Countryside Christian Church in Nixa, MO came to Colegio Biblico on July 16-22. Led by CB trustee, Rick Johnson, the group worked on the construction of the Christian Church in the Bravo neighborhood in Piedras Negras; a church where '05 CB graduate Carlos Garza ministers.

The First Christian Church from Walnut Grove, MO also sent a work group led by associate minister Jeff Kruger. During the first week of August, they painted married students housing and worked on the construction of a new apartment on the Mexico Campus.

Our gratitude to all our friends who throughout the summer months, in extreme heat, and even rain, gave of their time and effort in supporting the ministry of Colegio Biblico.



President Mercado with a Work Group from Countryside Christian Church, Nixa, MO



Work Group from First Christian Church, Walnut Grove, MO

Please continue to pray for:

- U.S. Consuls to grant student visas
- Increase in funds for Colegio to cover students' needs
- More full-time professors and other staff
- The Florida Extension Program

Student Visas

Seven applicants have been denied student visas to come to the Colegio Biblico Eagle Pass Campus. The reason given to them for the denial of the visa has been their not being able to provide proof of substantial personal financial means. There are still several more applicants waiting to find out if they will receive the student visa. Please keep them in your prayers, that they may find grace before the U.S. consuls that interview them so they will be useful instruments for our Lord.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN

The 2005-2006 school year at Colegio Biblico will start on August 23rd. Colegio faculty and staff are ready and expecting the arrival of new and returning students. On the 16th, the personnel will have a workshop to finalize any details. On the 20th students start to arrive, and on the 22nd registration will take place so classes can begin on the 23rd. We will have two convocation ceremonies, one on each campus on the 24th and 26th. We look forward to one more year of preparing workers for Christian ministry and pray the Lord's Spirit will guide us each step of the way.

Staff Member Injured

Jose Luis Rodriguez, student recruiter for the Mexico Campus, was attacked by an intruder in Celaya, Guanajuato. While visiting his brother in central Mexico, Jose Luis noticed a strange man in his vehicle and confronted him, only to be slashed in his abdomen. Jose Luis received medical attention and was kept in the hospital for three days. He is now recovering from the wound. Please keep Jose Luis and his family in your prayers.



Jose Luis Rodriguez

Special Gifts

We want to thank all of you who have already sent special gifts for Pack the Pantry and to the General Fund. We are blessed to be partnering with you as you provide for our students who are preparing for Christian ministry. If you have not yet sent your special gift to these funds we encourage you to join us in our efforts. Donations to the General Fund tend to decrease during the summer and the challenge of packing the pantry to feed our students is here as we prepare for the beginning of the new school year. May God's blessings be upon you.

Mexico Campus Construction



Multipurpose Building



New Apartment for Married Students

While a new apartment for married students began construction on the Mexico Campus, the multipurpose building has been in pause because of the many summer activities. Two cement plaques are still lacking on both extremes of the building; one above the kitchen and the other above the bathrooms. We still need your financial support to continue this project. Doors, windows, tile floor, and the finishings are still needed. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts that are invaluable in helping us continue with the ministry of Colegio Biblico.

Colegio Biblico admits students of any race, color, ethnic or national origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic or national origin in the administration of its education and admission policies, scholarship, loan, athletic, and other school-administered programs.