



# UPDATE

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## COLEGIO BIBLICO TO LAUNCH FLORIDA EXTENSION PROGRAM



Tampa, FL will host a Colegio Extension

Colegio Biblico has joined efforts with East Tampa Christian Church to start an extension program in Tampa, Florida. The increasing Hispanic population along with the overwhelming need for Spanish-speaking preachers has brought about this extension. Colegio and East Tampa will provide Bible classes and training in a non-traditional way for Hispanics that

are already in the work force meeting the demands of a family, and who have the desire to be prepared for Christian ministry. Classes will start in September. We have contacted the Florida churches seeking their support in this important ministry and we also invite you to be a part of this effort with your prayers and your financial support.

## Colegio Professor Completes Master's



Professor Valdecy DaSilva

Valdecy DaSilva completed his Master of Arts degree at Emmanuel School of Religion this past May. Valdecy is back in Eagle Pass to resume his position as Bible professor at Colegio Biblico. He has taught classes such as Church Growth among Hispanics, Christian Missions, and World Religions. Our congratulations to Valdecy. We are glad to have him back.

## PACK THE PANTRY

Our annual Pack the Pantry letter has been sent out in time to prepare for the beginning of the new school year next August. We pray you will help us keep alive the important tradition of providing meals for our students (and the children of the married ones) throughout the school year. We look forward to partnering with you once again in this project as you send your gifts to provide for our students as they prepare for Christian ministry.

## Bible Professor Granted Work Visa



Professor Octavio Ruiz

Bible professor Octavio Ruiz was granted a United States work permit this summer. He will now be able to teach at both the Mexico and the Eagle Pass Campus. Octavio teaches Pentateuch and Old Testament History. We thank God for this opportunity and pray it will be a blessing for all.

## Summer Events

While our students are away from campus for the summer, they continue to collaborate with churches in Mexico and Texas as part of their Christian service required by Colegio Biblico.

Members of our faculty and staff continue to be on the road this month. They are visiting supporting churches, recruiting new students, and representing Colegio Biblico in events such as the Hispanic Christian Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Mexican National Christian Convention in the city of Zacatecas during July 26-29.



Work Group from First Christian Church, Salem, IL

On June 19-25 a work group from First Christian Church in Salem, IL came to Colegio Biblico. Led by Youth Minister John Mann, the group put together some wooden trusses for a project on the Eagle Pass Campus and painted some of the married students apartments on the Mexico Campus. Despite the strong heat, they enjoyed the work and being able to finish the project they started. Our thanks to our friends from Salem for their hard work.

## GENERAL FUND

Donations to the General Fund tend to decrease during the summer months. Although classes are out and students are gone, there are still many expenses to take care of, such as personnel travel for student recruitment, and maintenance of the two campuses in preparation for the students' return. Please help us cover these costs with your special gifts to the General Fund.

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.

**Please continue to help us pray for:**

- U.S. authorities to grant student visas
- Increase in funds for Colegio to cover students' needs
- More full-time professors
- Student Recruiter
- Director of Student Affairs

## Mexico Campus Construction



Multipurpose Building



New home for the Library

Construction continues to slowly advance on the Mexico Campus. The highest parts of the walls on the multipurpose building are being completed and the next step is to work on the finishings inside. The apartment that started to be constructed in April has now been finished; it will be used to house the library. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts that are invaluable in helping us continue with the construction of the Mexico Campus and the ministry of Colegio Biblico.