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Welcome to our January 2024 Newsletter, last year ended in a whirlwind of activity and we are already starting to see exciting things unfold for 2024.

GRADUATES If you remember, EBI started 3 years ago with just 12 students from the San Jose area of Costa Rica. We have grown to over a 100 students in 12 countries. I am VERY pleased to announce that we have had our first **7 students** complete the 3-year study and receive their certificates of completions. Our “graduates” are Eugenia Rosales, Jorge Cambronero, Alba Galán, Carlos Zuñiga, Jorge Pulgarin, Mara Paez and Alicia Pineda. A big congratulations to all of our students on their accomplishment!



LUIS IN CUBA Luis is currently in Cuba on his biennial trip to visit the churches, meet with the leaderships, delivering supplies and just general goodwill. He is also working closely with Rolando and Yamirelis in preparing for the future preaching school. I will get further details on that subject as things continue to develop.



He is also meeting with the congregations and church leaders of the new congregations where the Cubanos are starting to evangelize. Everyone is excited. Everyone is on fire. It is just incredible for me to be here in Costa Rica and receive several pictures coming out of the different countries sharing pics and videos of all of the works that are happening.



QUITO SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES, ECUADOR Saturday was an exciting day for Estudios Bíblicos Internacionales. We started our first class with the Quito School. As I stated last month, we have partnered up with the Quito School of Biblical Studies in Ecuador. We have already had some of our existing students enroll plus we are receiving students from Ecuador signing up as well. Along with this, we have “raised the bar” on our level of study and classes. Saturday, we start our second round of our 3-year program. We have learned so much the past 3 years. Each class keeps getting better and better as we become more organized and knowledgeable in our teaching. What a blessing.



CHURCH PLANT The new church is still slowly growing and I am proud to announce that we had our first baptism this past week!



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YOUTH GROUP FRUIT The youth groups are turning out to be a great source of fellowship and encouragement withing the Cuban Communities. Last month, I shared with you the story of the young girl that was invited and then became baptized. Well, her mother and her sister went to that church to see what was causing such a change in their daughter/sister. Her mother and sister were so intrigued by the fellowship, they started studying with the church and have been baptized also and are now attending regularly!

Another great thing coming out of the youth groups is that the church leaders are already seeing young men within the group developing their faith and some of them will most likely be future preachers and teachers within the Kingdom!!!

JARAHUECA – MISSION WITHIN THE MISSION - AGAIN The work has begun. As I mentioned last month, Yamirelis made a trip to Jarahueca carrying with her supplies, study materials and programs that we have been using in the other churches. I was extremely excited to see that 3 of the December baptisms took place in Jarahueca. The work has barely started and we are already seeing fruit!!! As I said, Luis is in Cuba now, visiting with the church and delivering a projector and other supplies to help them get kicked off on their evangelism projects.

NEW BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST!

It wouldn't be a good newsletter if I didn't tell you about our new brothers and sisters. Our students baptized 9 more people in December. I believe that brings last year's total up to 112 baptisms (that we are aware of) for the year 2023. I will restart the tally next month when we receive information about this January.

CUBA SCHOOL OF PREACHING The work continues on the development of this project. Luis put the down payment down on the property. Upon closer inspection, the buildings and infrastructure are in much better condition than we had initially anticipated and this will give us another jump onto the development of the project.

WHERE WE WANT TO GO

Right now, we are supporting 7 full-time preachers in Cuba. We think we have a commitment for 3 more, to complete our team goal of 10 starting in July 2024. We also want to assist Rolando, Yamirelis and others in creating a formal preacher training program in Cuba. Please look inside your own heart, pray that this can become a reality and pray that God guides us every step of the way. Also, please



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consider being a part of this project. I can guarantee you that many souls will be saved.

Also, because of your continued support, souls are being added monthly. Thank you so much for giving and praying.

If you want to join in, below is how you can help.

How You Can Help Estudios Bíblicos Internacionales & Cuba Predica/Preach Cuba

First: Remember, we are a privately funded program. Here is how you can help:

The First Street Church of Christ has graciously agreed to handle our donations in the U.S.

TO GIVE, simply go to www.givelify.com , search First Street Church of Christ, enter

the amount and then choose either “EBI - Estudios Bíblicos Internacionales” or “Cuban Preacher Program” or you can mail a check to:

First Street Church of Christ, 201 W 1st Street, Lampasas, TX 76550 – be sure and put “EBI - Estudios Bíblicos Internacionales” or “Cuban Preacher Program” in the memo.

Secondly: You can help with Prayers, Prayers, Prayers!!!

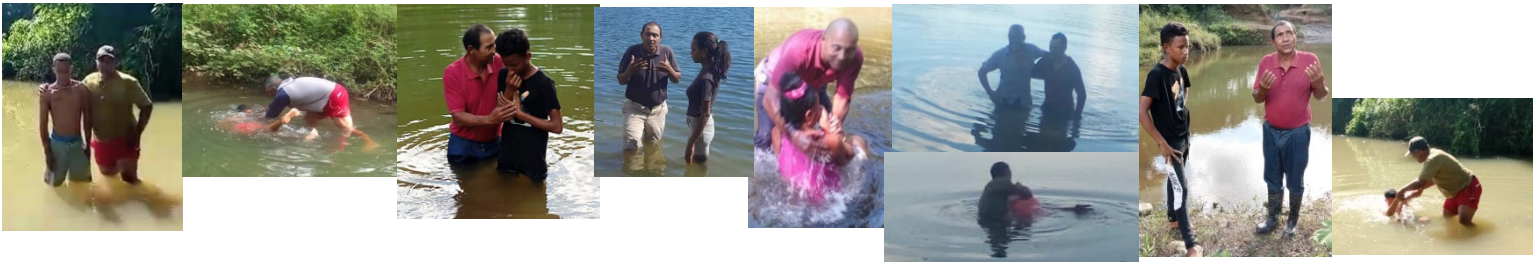
Please keep this program in your prayers and pray that God can effectively use our students, teachers and everyone involved to carry the Good News throughout Latin America and the world.

May God bless each and every one of you for your support of this program,

Rocky Castleberry



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