



2022 Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM WILL

As I look back on 2022, I can't think of a better way to complete 10 years of ministry with The Grace Institute. From inception, TGI has committed to help people engage with the Word of God. Throughout different stages of ministry, we have been presented with unique opportunities to serve church leaders. This year was no different. Leaders throughout Latin America and East Africa have engaged with Scripture and lives have been changed.



In my travels and work in Ecuador and Uganda, I can say with certainty that these efforts are not in vain. Church leaders are desirous to understand Scripture so that they can lead their congregations well. Many opportunities lie before us if the Lord sees fit to open the doors to work. I have no doubt that we will continue seeing Kingdom fruit just as we did this year. I hope this annual newsletter is encouraging to all who read it.

Will Sawell





www.blazestudies.org

english

Blaze is TGI's initiative to help English speakers better understand God's word. The courses can be accessed via app, website, or workbook and are encouraged to be used in a community.

This past year, attention was placed on TGI's original course, *The Basics of the Christian Life*. In the beginning of the year, an online offering of this course drew good participation. In person, the course was used by multiple churches and organizations - from Memphis to Canada.

A workbook revision is in process and will be ready in the beginning months of 2023.



www.thegraceinstituteintl.com/blaze



Agathos

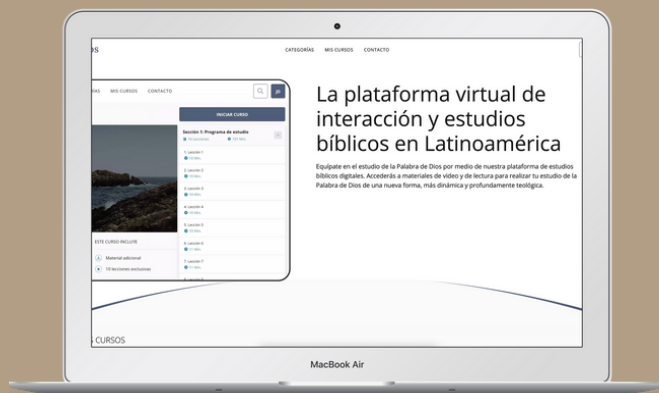
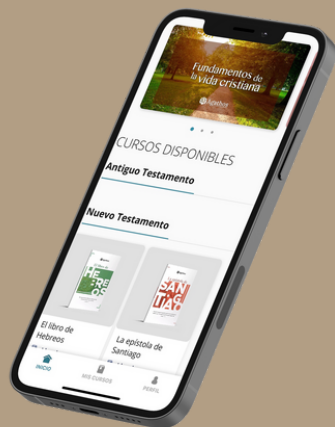
spanish

Agathos is TGI's initiative for Spanish speakers. Participants can access the Biblical content through the website, app, and workbooks.

This initiative was formerly known as Teleios. In 2022, the name was changed so that TGI can freely work with ministries throughout Latin America.

This year was spent converting the courses to fit the new app and workbooks. The team also had the opportunity to create a TGI original, *Fundamentos de la Vida Cristiana*. This course, along with others, have been a blessing to many this year throughout Latin America.





Agathos can be found online, the app store, and through workbooks.



An original course, *Fundamentos de la Vida Cristiana*, was created in order to serve those in our special projects.

www.agathoslatam.com



In February, a significant trip to Guayaquil, Ecuador was made in order to visit one of our "special projects". In multiple locations, we were able to encourage existing students, promote the initiative to new students, preach, and visit some of our facilitator's ministry locations.

Many of these were in under-resourced areas and served people in humble circumstances. We were able to begin to think about how we can further help their efforts in a holistic way.





Agathos



In 2023, Agathos will be featured on the popular Christian content provider, Rightnow Media Espanol. This will provide instant access to Agathos to over 2,000 churches in Latin America. We will use these connections for further training opportunities.

Countries Served:

- Uruguay
- Honduras
- Peru
- Ecuador
- Argentina

352

Current Students



"This course (Hebrews) allowed me to recognize once again the superiority of Jesus Christ. It's been a blessing to be able to identify the foundations of our faith and understand the work for the Kingdom. Thank you for the opportunity to learn in groups."

Pastor Flor de Liz Díaz Arteaga from Templo Apostólico de las Asambleas de Dios church in Peru.

Courses Studied

- The Book of Hebrews
- The Basics of the Christian Life
- Kingdom, Covenants and Canon of the Old Testament
- The Heart of Paul's Theology
- He Gave Us Prophets
- Father Abraham



FREEDOM

East Africa

Freedom is TGI's initiative for East Africa. Currently, Uganda and Tanzania are the countries with existing groups of students.



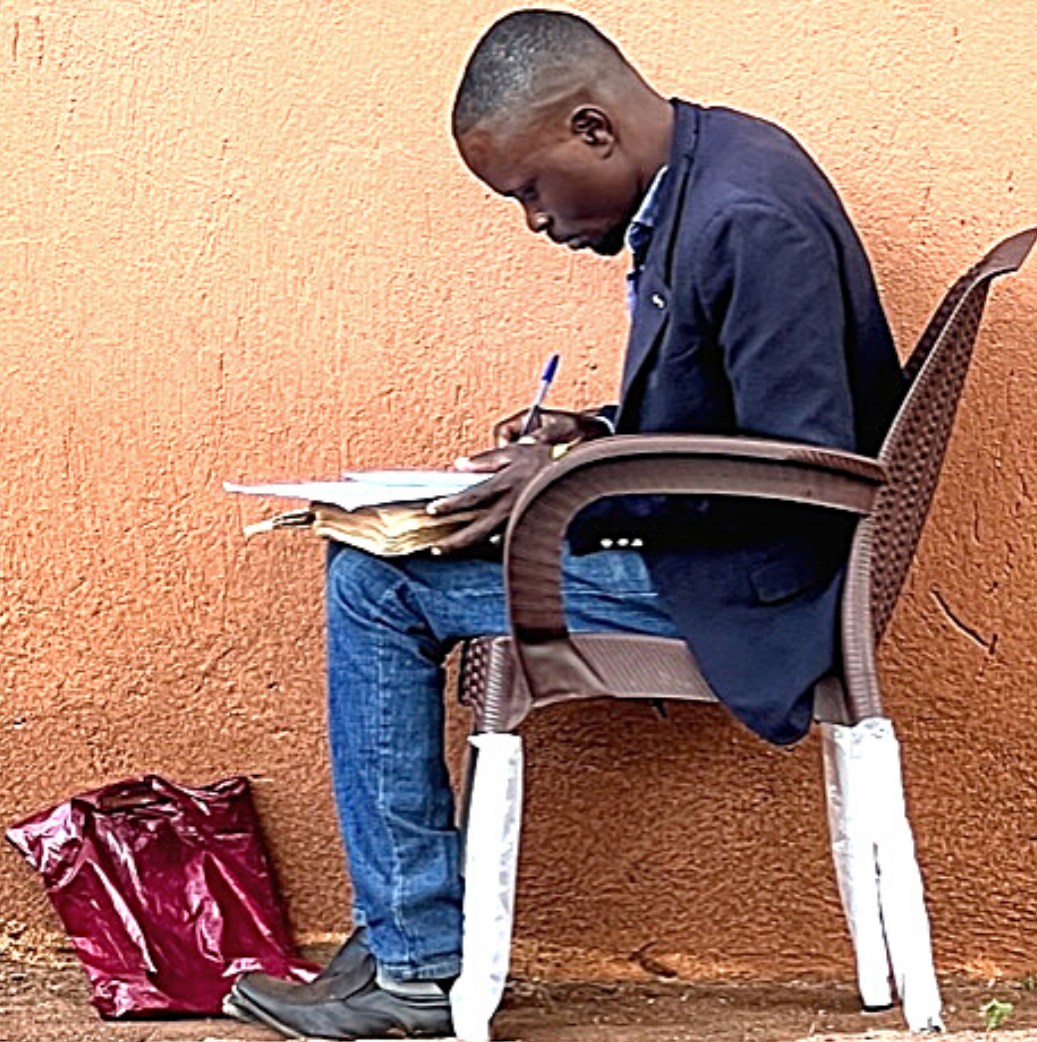
The Freedom Initiative is executed differently than Blaze and Agathos. Through printed packets of questions, Bible verses, and themes, students gather to learn courses that are led by a facilitator and followed up with by a professor.

In the last couple of years, a need for well-trained facilitators became apparent due to the overwhelming amount of students who signed up for a Freedom group in such a short period of time. This year, we tried to address this need.

"FREEDOM FEST"

In order to address the number of students, the TGI staff concluded that we needed more well-trained indigenous facilitators of small groups.

Unfortunately, the existing facilitators were at the same Biblical and theological level as those they were leading. To adequately train some students to become Freedom Facilitators, a Facilitator's Training was planned and executed. We invited 100 church leaders to live in the village of Kagavu, Uganda for five months for an intense, daily training to help them better understand the fullness of the Bible.



July 4 - November 18, 2022

99 Graduated on November 18th, 2022





- 5 months
- 5 courses
- 99 graduates
- growth plan for 2023



Uganda 2022

- 415 Students
- 99 Graduates of Freedom Fest
- 7 Districts

Tanzania 2022

- 611 Students
- 4 Districts

1,026

Current Students





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