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2 Timothy 2:2

2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Dear Friends.

Imagine that you are a pastor with little or no training, and in many cases very little education, but you have a sense of calling and a desire to lead your church. Likely you are bivocational and struggle to provide for your family. How would the congregation function? Do they sense something is missing? How do they respond to the sermons preached? Are the sermons clear, well prepared, and delivered with authority and power in the Holy Spirit?

Many, many pastors in Latin America fit the scenario I am describing above. They need help. For the last 25 years World Reach has worked to train pastors, aspiring pastors, and church leaders. Your partnership has had great impact! This year four classes will graduate; two are in Peru and two are in Honduras. I just launched an advanced class in Chulucanas, Peru, and a new class in Alaos, Peru will launch soon. Another class started in Cuevas, Peru this year. In Peru alone we have four more possible locations. Also, there are possibilities in Northern Argentina that could impact Chile, Bolivia, and Paraguay. Exciting and challenging days are ahead!

In Chulucanas, Peru, I worked with a group of pastors that had graduated from 2000 to 2011, and these men have requested further training. Pastor Enrique Villegas left home at 3 AM to travel to class, and another, Pastor Morán, traveled 13 hours to be with us. We began with inductive Bible study as a foundation for expository preaching. Using Dr. Stephen Olford's materials and sermons the men were challenged. They learned to find the message in the text, but initially the process was difficult for them. They struggled moving from the text to the message and then to application. The conclusion of the message and calling people to respond is a common weakness. Progress was made and by the end of the week they were very thankful and eager to learn more. They left with a new appreciation of their responsibility and how to prepare better sermons. The combination of time in the Word and hearing the exhortations of

January 13-17

Siguatepeque, Honduras, **Bible Institute Team** meeting

January 31-Feb 13

Bogota, Colombia, **Preaching class**

February 26-March 2

Salta, Argentina **Expository Preaching** Class

March 15-19

Bogota, Colombia, Church planting course,

March 20-25

Santa Rosa, Colombia Church revitalization,

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Dr. Stephen Olford was very fruitful.

Would you consider partnering with me to train pastors and leaders in order to help further the building of the church? There is a cost. The men supply their own food, transport expense, take time from their vocation (few are supported full time), and time away from family to receive training. This training is the only option available for many Latin pastors and leaders. Few rural pastors have internet access. This limits their options for ministerial training.

Our Bible Institute extends over 3 years with a target of 30 students per class, and we meet six times a year. For example, one student cost about \$20 per class x 6 classes per year for three years = \$360. An average class of 30 students cost \$3600 per year. A national coordinator to oversee the class cost \$1050 per year.

Any amount helps and no amount is insignificant. We can add eight more institutes soon, and I am certain working together we can accomplish the mission. If you could hear the men say thank you and see their faces when they receive books, then you would sense the value of what we do. We take training to those who can least afford training. Please partner with us.

I would welcome an opportunity to come and speak about our Bible Institute training program and to promote missions in your church or small group. Please contact me, at <u>wilsonrcjr@gmail.com</u>.

You can make a donation to World Reach Ministry, P.O.Box 26155, Birmingham, AI 35260-0155. Please include a note that it is for our ministry, or specifically for the Latin American Bible Institutes

We thank God for your prayers and assistance. For the Gospel, Bobby and Lolly Wilson

Chulucanas Peru Pastors class

Pastors impacted by the Bible Institute



