



Teaching Church Planting training course in Tacaná, Guatemala

Brad and Colleen Taylor News

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Dear Family & Friends,

Colleen and I traveled to Guatemala from Nov. 16-23 to investigate the possibility of launching a new World Reach Bible Institute (BI) in Tacaná (near the Mexican border). It was a long & difficult trip with much rain (Tropical Storm Sara), cold weather & travel, including 7 hrs. by bus & 3 hrs. by car to get to Tacaná, and the same returning to Guatemala City. Then each day, it was a 2 hr. round trip up the mountain on dirt roads to get to the teaching site!



Our group of students in Tacaná

During the week, I taught a 2 day Church Planting training course and Abner Mejia (our fellow WR missionary) taught a 2 day course on the Doctrine of Salvation. For their final project, the 4 small groups of students prepared a master plan for planting a new church in a nearby community. Their project contained the following elements: Church Mission & Vision, Demographic Study, Core Values, Evangelistic strategies, Retaining New Members, Launching the New Church with its 1st services, & 1st year schedule and budget. Each group presented their project on the last day of class & they did quite well.



Students working on their church planting projects

Unfortunately, due to safety, possible drug running in the area (!) and viability issues, we've decided not to start a BI in Tacaná. Over the last few years, I've been on a number of investigatory trips (including in the Amazon) to look for new BI sites. I've learned that getting God's "No" is as valuable as His "Yes".

After this decision, God opened a new door. We were invited to re-launch our Bible Institute in El Carreto, Honduras. We graduated a class of students there in



With Abner and a local pastor in Tacaná

2019. The church association president wants us to start a new BI to train his pastors & leaders. Praise God! The first BI meeting there will be in early Feb.

In Dec., I worked extensively on recruiting teachers & finalizing our 2025 BI course schedules for Colombia, Peru & Uganda. We also met by Zoom with pastors & leaders in Cúcuta, Colombia to talk about a potential BI there. I will travel there in Feb. with Andres Barreto (our Colombia Field Director) to talk about this possibility with them. From there, I will go on teach a course in Puerto Inirida. This is the new BI location that was started last year for pastors from the Amazon jungle near the Venezuela border.

Please pray for:

1. My Hermeneutics course in Puerto Inirida, Colombia from Feb. 25 - Mar. 1.
2. The launch of a new BI in El Carreto, Honduras in Feb.
3. The Feb. meeting in Cúcuta, Colombia re: a new BI.
4. Our BIs operating in Colombia, Peru, Kenya & Uganda.
5. For God to supply more financial support for ministry, as we only have 61% of the monthly support World Reach requires.

Thanks so much & many blessings,

Brad & Colleen Taylor

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With our new grandson Gabriel, Emmanuel & Sasha



We almost got stuck in the mud, but God helped us!



With our kids, spouses, grandkids & my mom at Christmas