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A Branch of *Sunset International Bible Institute*

Whole people — Whole Gospel — Whole world — Wholly to please God

AIBI: The State of the Institute

As the Atlantic International Bible Institute enters its ninth year of operation, we continue fully committed to the **proposition:**

The shortest distance to global evangelism is through the multiplication of trained spokesmen.

We also hold firm our specific **mission:**

Equip Christian men and women to effectively communicate the "whole gospel to the whole world (especially the Hispanic peoples of North, Central and South America) wholly to please God."

We are presently developing this mission in the following ministry areas:

Residential/Video Conferencing

On August 21, 2006 we opened our fall semester using video conferencing technology—live, interactive, audio/visual classes transmitted by camera—for the first time. While it is not possible to duplicate faculty, facilities, curriculum and infrastructure at every point desiring training in biblical and ministry studies, we are now able to link our resources, and those of sister schools, with re-

mote sites through the use of this technology.

The Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute (*TGCBI*) in Houston, TX has been leading the way in the use of this technology among *SIBI*'s international schools. During the 2006 Fall Semester *AIBI* was linked with *TGCBI*; Dallas, TX; Arlington, VA; and Silver Spring, MD. Students from these sites selected from and participated in the various courses offered, according to their schedules, ministry needs and abilities.

In 2007 the network of schools and sites participating through video conferencing is growing. *TGCBI*, primarily a full-time, day program, is currently networking with Dallas, TX; Quito, Ecuador; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Valencia, Venezuela; and Little Rock, AR. *AIBI*, following a night school format, is currently networking with *TGCBI*; Arlington, VA; Silver Spring, MD; and Sunset church of Christ in south Miami. We are also seeking new connections in Venezuela, Peru and, possibly, Chile, as well as additional locations within the U.S.

Extension School

In addition to the use of video conferencing technology in conjunction with our residential

program, we also are working diligently to equip other Christian men and women through DVD and Online courses.

We currently have eight courses available on DVDs and we are working through local brethren to train students in Maracay, Venezuela and Santa Cruz, Bolivia. It is our prayer that we will also be able to organize a similar program in Colombia during the first half of 2007. Meanwhile, we continue to record new courses as we are able.

Of course, we also want to offer these courses online if we are able. Jorge Pineda has recently traveled to Lubbock, TX to meet with *SIBI* personnel about this possibility. *SIBI* is in the process of making all of their courses available online, and we hope in partnership with them to offer our Spanish courses as well.

Havana, Cuba

As indicated in our last newsletter, we continue to work with our Cuban brethren through bi-annual seminars. At the end of the next seminar school, May 8-10, most of the participants will participate in a graduation ceremony in recognition of the work they have

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done.

Additionally, three men from our Accelerated Bible Curriculum—Roberto Pino, Reynaldo García and José Luis Hernández—will finish the entire program of studies and graduate in May. Consequently, the graduation ceremony scheduled for May 11, 2007 will include the second group of seminar students as well as these three men who will be receiving a full Certificate in Biblical and Ministry Studies from AIBI/SIBI.

Following the completion of the Seminar School and Accelerated Bible Curriculum in May, AIBI will continue working in partnership with the Cuban churches by offering intensive courses for full credit. The idea would be to

assign participants both pre- and post-seminar work, then meet together for four days (24 hours) of classroom interaction. At the same time the intensive courses are being taught a third series of seminars will be conducted with a new group of students. So, instead of slacking off, our work in Cuba looks to be intensifying. Praise God!

Additional Ministry Areas

AIBI continues to work closely with *La Hispaniola Bible Institute* in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Under the direction of Daniel Nin, the school is growing and opening extension points in various parts of the country.

Of course, making disciples remains a primary focus of AIBI. The Hispanic works

started in the West Broward and Griffin Road churches of Christ receive a great deal of our attention and prayers. We ask that you continue in prayer with us on behalf of all these ministries.

CURRENT & COMING EVENTS!

1. Next Cuban Seminar School, May 8-10, 2007 on the subject of *Pastoral Counseling*.
2. Cuban Seminar School Graduation and Accelerated Bible Curriculum Graduation—May 11, 2007.
3. Tentative seminars in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic.
4. Continued expansion through video conferencing.
5. Course offerings for May/June: Old Testament I and Old Testament II.

Life of Christ II

Monday – Steve Austin (Houston, TX)

Spiritual Leadership

Tuesday – Kirk McAfee

Evangelism I

Thursday – Jorge Pineda

Christian Home

Friday – Kirk McAfee

January 8 – April 27

7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

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