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## A. I. B. I. NEWS

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

## SOUTH AMERICAN HAPPENINGS

-Jorge Pineda

*Quito, Ecuador.* After three years, I was finally able to return to Quito, Ecuador. I was honored by the invitation to deliver the graduation sermon at the Quito School of Biblical Studies, where I previously ministered for five years. Ten students graduated on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The next day, I preached for the North Quito church about the gift of God, his Holy Spirit. Over 50 people came forward to respond to the invitation for prayers and other needs. Then, I taught a seminar on “Leaders Who Produce Leaders” on May 29<sup>th</sup>. About 120 people



**Jorge Pineda at the Quito School of Biblical Studies in Ecuador.**

attended the seminar and God was good to allow me this opportunity to share how to multiply leaders in local congregations. That same week I met with other groups from several area congregations who asked me how they could experience real spiritual and nu-

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**New seminar school group in Havana. More than 30 Cuban evangelists representing all of the country’s provinces.**



## Tropical Transformations

*Havana, Cuba.* Cuba continues to be one of *AIBI*’s primary extension points and international ministry partnerships. May 9-13 was the first seminar school visit of 2005 during which Rudy Wray, Jorge Pineda and Kirk McAfee taught on the subject of *The Organization of the New Testament Church*. Thirty-one ministers from all 14 Cuban provinces attended this event focusing on servant leadership, leadership development and reproductive ministries.

While the Church of Christ has a long history in Cuba, the last 10-12 years have produced tremendous growth in both numbers of congregations and individual Christians. Since no local congregation currently has elders and/or deacons, these first generation believers are struggling with the move toward

complete, scriptural organization. In spite of this fact, there was a spirit of excitement and anticipation among these Cuban leaders following the three-day seminar consisting of classes, group dynamics and open forums.

Our next seminar school with this same group is currently scheduled for October 11-13.

Another part of our work involves training several men to serve as the first instructors in a Cuban Theological Center. This program began in October 2003 and will continue through December 2006. It consists of digitally recording our classes on DVD and teaching them to those who have been selected for this program through the recorded classes, written guides, assigned texts, outside

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merical growth. That was a period of talking, sharing, praying, and tears when the time came to leave with Maritza and Astrid (my youngest daughter). Astrid really enjoyed the company of her best Ecuadorian friend, Nicole. At the beginning of our trip, Maritza was not feeling well because of the altitude, 9,200 ft., but later she got better. As we were encouraged by several brethren from West Broward Church of Christ, we were also able to visit several poor families. They were really in need of food which we were able to provide through the West Broward brethren.

*Mara cay, Venezuela.* Our Extension School is also growing. We agreed to send our materials to a Bible school in Mara cay, Venezuela. Jorge Pérez began his school period with 40 students and some others are coming on Saturdays from other cities. Now, they are studying our Homiletics DVD lessons. We also sent them a well known speaker from Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas (our main school)—Rudy Wray—who taught a one-week seminar. They were all very pleased with Rudy's teaching.



*Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.* Another of our international partners is *La Hispaniola*



**A new extension from AIBI in Venezuela.**

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research, and teacher/student interaction by e-mail. The remaining online teaching schedule for Cuba is as follows: July – Sept. 2005: *Life of Christ* (Jorge Pineda); Oct. – Dec. 2005: *Hebrews* (Kirk McAfee); Jan. – March 2006: *Ephesians/Colossians* (Jorge Pineda) and *Revelation* (Armando Alaniz); April – June 2006: *Galatians/Romans* (Kirk McAfee); July – Sept. 2006: *Minor Prophets* (Ignacio Bárcenas) and *Isaiah* (Kirk McAfee); Oct. – Dec. 2006: *Gospel of John* (Jorge Pineda) and *I & II Corinthians* (Kirk McAfee). At the completion of this program, it is our prayer that a Cuban training center can be established.

Bible Institute. *AIBI* and *La Hispaniola* work very closely together in ministry training and the spiritual formation of Christian men and women. *La Hispaniola* presently has at its primary center of operation (Santo Domingo) and two extensions (Barahona and Puerto Plata) more than 100 students at various levels of study and preparation.

At *AIBI* we are extremely excited by these, and other, ministry training activities that are taking place. We encourage you to become a partner with us through prayer and your participation in the *Cuba/Caribbean Contribution Day* on September 18. God bless!

## CURRENT & COMING EVENTS!

1. Summer break: June 28—August 19
2. Next teaching cycle, August 22—October 21: *Hermeneutics* (Kirk McAfee) and *Life of Christ II* (Jorge Pineda).
3. Cuba/Caribbean Contribution Day 2005—Sunday, September 18, 2005.
4. Next Cuban Seminar School, October 11-13.

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