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

False Start for LAMP

In April we reported the formal signing of the Latin American Mission Project—Miami (LAMP). This is a ministry partnership between Abilene Christian University, Harding University, Continent of Great Cities, Sunset International Bible Institute, and Sunset Church of Christ in Miami in which they covenanted to form 12 church planting teams to be sent to the greater Miami area over the next 25 years.

At that time, the first team consisting of three couples was entering into its final months of training with Continent of Great Cities in Abilene, Texas. However, in spite of extensive work and mediation by Continent of Great Cities personnel, that team ultimately dissolved due to irreconcilable personality and doctrinal issues. Plans are now being made among the covenant partners to recruit and begin training a new team.

Still, this initial effort was not a total loss. First, Jim and Kathryn Holway, field coordinators for LAMP, have relocated to Miami and are presently working under the supervision of the Sunset Church of Christ. We welcome them to the work in South Florida. Second, Carlos and Maribel Preciado, members of that first LAMP team, have retained the support of the Hot Springs Village church in Arkansas and will be joining the new Hispanic work of the Griffin Road Church of Christ in early November. This work has the vision of planting a daughter congregation within the next 2-4 years and is extremely excited with the addition of the Preciados. May God bless these two couples.

Training Opportunities

Spanish-speaking peoples currently comprise the fourth largest language group in the world and the largest minority group in the United States. These increasing numbers require the training of additional Hispanic ministers and evangelists to meet the challenge of planting and growing reproductive churches. The Atlantic International Bible Institute is committed to this effort both in the United States and abroad.

At this time *AIBI* is involved in the preparation of preachers and teachers in various Caribbean nations through seminar schools and extension centers. The seminars are conducted by *AIBI* faculty members one or more times a year and the extension centers operate using DVD recordings of our residential courses. These programs are developed and conducted at the request and in cooperation with local church leaders for the edification of the church throughout the country.

Cuba. Last May we celebrated the graduation of 29 preachers who completed our first level of seminar studies. We have since begun teaching these same studies to a second group of 30 ministers and evangelists. In October 2004 we conducted our first seminar with this new group on the subject of *The Christian Home*, and in May 2005 we held our second seminar on *The Organization of the New Testament*

Church. Next month we will be teaching on the subject of *Hermeneutics*.

In addition to our on-site seminar schools, we also continue to develop and teach our extension curriculum. This project 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 research, and teacher/student interaction by e-mail. This curriculum began in October 2003 and will continue through December 2006 at which time those successfully completing the program will receive a full diploma in biblical and ministerial studies from *AIBI* and *SIBI*.

Dominican Republic. Since May 2001 *AIBI* has been working in a close relationship with *La Hispaniola Bible Institute* in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. *AIBI*'s responsibilities in this ministry training partnership include: 1) Provide academic and administrative leadership to enhance the training effectiveness of *La Hispaniola*, 2) Certify *La Hispaniola* training program, facilitating the employment of *SIBI* credentials in the Dominican Republic and the granting of *SIBI* certificates to graduates fulfilling training requirements, 3) Provide

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teaching resources of educational equipment, materials and instructors, residential or visiting, as is deemed necessary to the development of the Institute, 4) Secure its agreed portion of budgeted funding for the day-to-day operation of the Institute, 5) Meet with *La Hispaniola* board regularly as agreed for consultation, planning and reporting, and 6) Facilitate post-certificate studies with appropriate ministry recognition, including upgrading of certificates originating in other ministry training programs.

Haiti. To a lesser degree AIBI is also working in partnership with the Center for Biblical Training in Cap Haitien, Haiti. This requires periodic visits to Haiti for consultation and planning.

Extension centers. In addition to those already mentioned, AIBI is working toward developing extension centers in various Latin American countries where our DVD courses, as well as on-site seminars, would be used for ministry training. Two such centers have already been established, one in Venezuela and another in south Florida. Also, we are making plans to establish new extension centers in Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, and additional points in the U.S.

Our budget for these ministries and projects during the upcoming 2006 calendar year is:

Cuba Seminar Schools (May & October)	\$18,480.00
Cuba/extension course recordings	5,000.00
Visit to Center for Biblical Training, Cap-Haitien, Haiti	800.00
Visit to La Hispaniola, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	1,200.00
Work funds for La Hispaniola	6,000.00
Extension program development	3,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$34,480.00

In addition to these project costs, our current fixed operating costs average near \$1,500/month, while our support is less than \$760/month. As you can see, we must depend heavily on periodic gifts and donations. Annually we organize a Caribbean Contribution Day which serves to fund many of our projects and activities for the next year. However, due to many other urgent matters to which numerous congregations are currently attending, our Caribbean Contribution Day scheduled for September 18 will receive light support. For that reason, we invite all of you, before the end of this year, to make a contribution or pledge of support for our 2006 ministries. Your participation in this Caribbean/American partnership is vitally important as our primary means of funding and continuing to develop these efforts. We appreciate your servant heart and evangelistic spirit and are confident you will join us in this great opportunity. Blessings to all.

CURRENT & COMING EVENTS!

1. This teaching cycle, August 22—October 21: *Hermeneutics* (Kirk McAfee) and *Life of Christ II* (Jorge Pineda).
2. Next teaching cycle, October 24—December 20: *Old Testament History I* (Kirk McAfee) and *Personal Evangelism* (Jorge Pineda).
3. Next Cuban Seminar School, October 18-20. Armando Alaniz (Pasadena, TX) and Dane Boyles (Leander, TX) will be teaching on the subject of *Hermeneutics*.
4. Tentative arrival for Carlos and Maribel Preciado to join Griffin Rd. Hispanic work—first week of November.

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