

# Ministry Training Update

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## PROGRESS!

In my first newsletter I reported on 16 schools that were associated with the Sunset International Bible Institute. That was in May, 2003. Today, we have 25 schools that have an association with our program. Over 500 students are studying in depth Bible courses in order to prepare themselves to be able spokesmen of the word. That is amazing progress!

## THE PROCESS

The growth of our International Studies Division has caused us to refine the process by which we accept or begin new schools. Existing or potential schools are called **INQUIRER** schools. During this period of time a feasibility study is done to determine if a partnership between the potential school and Sunset is appropriate. If it is deemed appropriate to further pursue a partnership with such a school, an invitation to submit an application will be issued and they become an **APPLICANT SCHOOL**.

## BRANCH/ASSOCIATE SCHOOLS

Applicant schools are those schools whose application for a partnership with Sunset has been accepted and projected as either a Branch school or an Associate School. At this time Sunset and the potential partners begin the development of the school to achieve the standards set by Sunset for partnership. Eventually, after all standards have been met, the school become certified. It may take many months before certification is granted a school. They could be in operation and Sunset could already be deeply involved with them while the certification process is taking place.

## SEE OUR WEBSITE

To see a listing of schools currently partnering with us, go to [www.sunsetinternational.org](http://www.sunsetinternational.org). If you explore our site you will find a great deal of information on the work being done through the International Studies Division of SIBI.

## EXCITING CHANGES!

Our rapid growth has caused us to outgrow our old system of caring for our schools. We want to provide assistance to all of our schools so they can reach their full potential as a training institution. It is our desire to train as many people as we can with quality classes so they can become able spokesmen of the word. Therefore, we divided the world up into regions and appointed most our International Deans with new responsibilities. Below is a listing of our newly appointed Deans of International Ministry Training: (Working under **Truman Scott** and **Doug Reeves**.)

- **Rudy Wray – Pan America:** He will work with schools in Miami, Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Ecuador, and Brazil.
- **Royce Sartain – Europe:** Russia, Ukraine, Greece, and Albania.
- **Dwight Whitsett – Oceania:** He is leading an inquiry for a possible new school in Australia.
- **Jerry Hogg – Africa:** Ethiopia, Zambia, Ghana, and Botswana.
- **George Carman – Asia:** Philippines (3 schools), Indonesia, South Korea, and possibly Thailand.
- **Lanny Partain –** Remains our Dean of Int'l Communications, a vital role indeed.

These Ministry Training Deans will assist the schools in their area so they can reach and maintain newly defined standards of ministry training. Our goal is to train as many students as we can – as well as we can. We know that every trained, faithful brother will share the Gospel with those who are lost. Please pray that these workers will bring forth a harvest of souls during 2005.

My new job title is: Dean of International Ministry Training/Asia & International Projects.

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