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"The same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." - || Timothy 2:2

Dear Pastor and Friends,

The 48<sup>th</sup> Graduation exercises of the Baptist Bible Institute were held the 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Our hearts were encouraged as we were challenged each evening by the preaching of Dr. Daryl Miller, pastor of the Marantha Baptist Church, McAllen, Texas. Tuesday morning, three of our graduates spoke, Carlos Virgen and Juan Tomas Sarmiento, pastoring in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and José Luís Mares, missionary in Argentina. Wednesday was our climatic day. In the morning services we heard from our former Dean of Men, Ignacio Guillén, Hiber Peralta, the class speaker and Bro. Bill Harvey, missionary and Director Emeritus of our college. The graduates gave their testimonies and future vision for the ministry. In the evening, about 1,000 gathered for the graduation service. Fourteen walked across the platform and received their diplomas in recognition of their three years of intensive study. With this class our college has graduated over 670 in preparation for full-time service in the ministry. They are serving, winning souls and establishing churches, in many different parts of Mexico, in the U.S.A. and in other countries.



We have three youth camps scheduled for July. Pray with us that there will be much fruit in lives surrendered to full-time service. Also, pray that God will work out the details about a rescheduling conflict with the public schools. Because of the Swine flu scare, schools were closed 10 days; the government has issued an order for schools to stay open through July 15<sup>th</sup>. This is not yet confirmed, but we will know for sure by May 25<sup>th</sup>.



In April God blessed the ministry of the 58 churches and missions with which we labor with 3,413 weekly

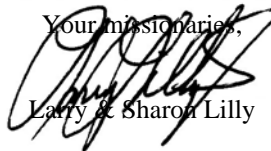


average attendance, 338 saved and 37 baptized. The first week of April we were with the church in Azucar, near Mante for an evangelistic meeting. God blessed with good attendance, 4 saved and many more for consecration. The weekend after graduation

we preached evangelistic services in the Bethel Baptist Church in Mante with 1 saved and 18 for consecration. Each of the churches has their own pastor who is a graduate of the college.

Thank you for your love and faithfulness in our Lord's work and the prayers and support you invest in our ministry in Mexico. May God bless you abundantly as you continue laboring for Him in your city.

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