

**March 2009**

**Launch of the Bogota Bible Institute**

January marked the launch of the Advanced Bible Institute in Bogota. My time there was incredible. There were 25 official students, but with some auditing and some family members, the room packed out with about 50 people. My concern about the endurance of the class over two weeks of night teaching, plus a Saturday, soon evaporated. They eagerly invested their evenings in the Word of God, learning how to discover truth for themselves. Although about 8 of the students had had some prior Bible schooling or seminary classes, none had been exposed to inductive study as a preparation for expository preaching. They were excited and transformed. I saw families learning how to study together. I got to witness (*on your behalf*) their thankfulness for the books and materials you invested in for them to use in their ministry. They learned how to overview an entire book, studied a Psalm, overviewed Abraham's life and experienced small group discipleship through a "Precept Course on Abraham".

These dear folks are living the Gospel and reaching out in communities where following Christ can evoke persecution. Pray for their efforts because the vast majority of their countrymen do NOT know Christ.



**Back to Bogata**

I will return to Bogota in April to train two groups who are beginning to plant churches outside of Bogota. They are working in areas that do not have an evangelical church. I will provide them with Spanish Inductive Study Bibles and train them to use small group materials that will facilitate the church planting effort. Pray for their travel safety and that the training will be effective and fruitful.

## **Anna to Costa Rica**

Anna, my thirteen-year-old daughter, has departed for Costa Rica as part of a youth team. They will spend a week ministering in orphanages and schools while sharing the Gospel in Spanish! It has been exciting to see God provide financially for her to go and enable her to learn the Gospel presentation in Spanish.



## **The Future**

I know these are uncertain economic times. But I pray we will sense an urgency to fulfill the Great Commission. Pray that I will be faithful while this window of opportunity exists for me in Colombia.

In April, I will have another trip to train church planters. In June, I have two Youth Conferences to teach and I will lead a Marriage Retreat in August. Finally, I will return in November to teach "Biblical Preaching" at the Bible Institute.

This year in the USA, I have several Bible study training opportunities - from Wisconsin to Texas. (I will be in Wisconsin the end of March.)

Will you partner with us? Many of you have done so on a regular basis and we sincerely thank you. There will be many who will be thanking you in Glory when they meet you there!

For the Gospel,

*Bobby*