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Dearest Partners in Prayers,

Praise God! Our Bible Institute is open again! Honor and glory to God, and thank you for ever and ever to our amazing powerful God! There are not enough words to express this great gratitude, but our hearts here in our BMDMI ministry rejoice in the Lord to see our BI functioning again. The Lord has done wonderful things for this beautiful ministry of training men and women to accomplish the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)

As we see our BI functioning again, we raise our hands to Heaven and thank God for you, our donors, because without your support and prayers this will not happen. Please know how much we appreciate all your efforts to join us to continue working where the heart of God is - training servants to win souls for His kingdom.

I know it has been so long since I sent our first letter in November. In the month of December nothing happened, just praying and trusting God for the next step. Wonderfully, God sent us the answer to our prayers through you. In the month of January, we started making plans with the Director and teachers and getting ready to see the students come. By faith we knew the Lord would send us some students. At the end of the month of January we had a group of volunteers coming to do a deep cleaning before the students arrived and to set some safety covid-19 rules. We all were so excited! Finally the date came, February 3rd, and we opened for the students. We were so happy to see the first 6 students coming, the next week we saw 6 more students coming, and at the very end of the month of March we received the last student coming to finish his last year of training. We



are so happy to have 13 students, 12 first year students and one 3rd year. But at the same time, we are a little sad because Vidal, one of our students, had to go back home because of illness. Please pray for him - his case is difficult, because he has had kidney stones since last year. His spleen is swollen, and now he needs to have treatments. We also have another student that, after 4 months, decided to go home for personal reasons. Right now, we have a total of 11 students on campus.



We are functioning only with the Director and teacher, Juan Francisco Lagos, along with two other teachers, Ivan Izaguirre and David Santos, 2 guards and one cook. Please pray for our staff each Monday morning when we get together for our staff devotional. Our God is faithful!



From the heart of our Director of the Bible Institute, Juan Francisco Lagos:

“The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. I have a great joy in my heart as I want to share with you what God is doing here in our Bible Institute. Most of the students are in first year, and as they are finishing the first semester, they are already preaching the Word of God. They have a lot of joy in their hearts as they preach the Word. Thank you so much for your economical support and for your prayers, that are a great blessing to us”.

Professor Ivan Izaguirre said: **“Thank you very much for trusting and investing your resources for this ministry to function again. We have gratitude in our hearts for your various support that, with so much joy, you send us. Thank you for your positive answer for the Bible Institute to open again and to help the students reach their goal to serve the Lord with the right preparation”.**

Luis Armando, 21-year-old, said, "I heard the pastor of my church talking about the opportunity to study at the Bible Institute, then my heart was touched to come. I want to be a good pastor in the name of the Lord. I want to win souls for the kingdom of God. Please pray for me".

Another of our students, Josue, said, "My major desire is to be prepared to serve the Master, Jesus Christ, and to become a pastor to take the Word of God to His church. I see myself involved in serving the Lord. Thank you for your support. Believe me, your efforts will not be in vain. The Lord bless you."

As I see these 11 young men getting training, I am also praying for 11 faithful pastors in the near future. It is amazing that 10 of them are in their first year, and all of them are already preaching during the weekends. Three of them are already involved in the role as pastor because of the hard situation in their churches that are right now without a pastor. The highlight of these past months is so marvelous: "God is using the lives of these young men as they share the Word of God. During the weekend's student ministry, 29 people have come to know Christ as their personal Savior and 20 people have rededicated their lives to the Lord'.

Another good news is, in the month of May we also started the module program for those that are not able to come to the Bible Institute campus. The module program is for 2 years of study, and it is developed in a particular church for students from our churches that are in the same area. Right now, we have 3 groups, and usually we hold one module in our Bible Institute campus. We have enrolled a total of 26 students right now and hoping to have more as we continue seeking God's guidance each day and covid-19 slows down.



PRAISES TO THE LORD:

- Honor and glory to the Lord for making it possible to re-open the Bible Institute through your prayers and financial support.
- The wonderful decision and courage of our students to come to the Bible Institute.
- For God sending us the right staff to labor here.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- More supporters and partners in prayers
- Our students to grow in knowledge and love for God's ministry.
- Our staff and their faithfulness to the Lord
- Used laptop computers for the staff

Thank you one more time for being together in this wonderful ministry. Please know that your support and prayers given to the Bible Institute are an eternal investment in the lives of our students. May God richly bless you and keep you in His loving arms.

In Jesus,

Marina Calderon
Missionary to the Bible Institute

The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. (Psalm 126:3)

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