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Director's Desk

Each One Teach One

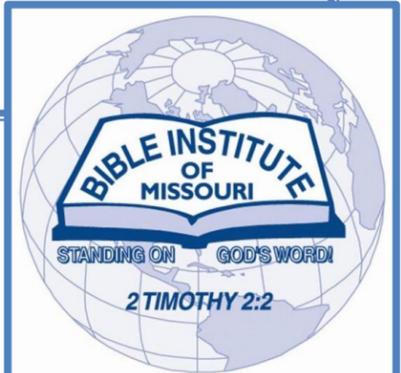
A slogan going around in the church many years ago and sometimes heard today is "Each one teach one." It was, and still is, a great slogan to motivate people to do personal work based on the idea that if we could just get each Christian to teach one unsaved person and bring them to an obedience to Christ, the church would grow radically in number. Well, for the most part, it did work in many congregations, and the local work of the church experienced numerical growth.

But what about the evangelism of the United States and the world where in many communities there is no faithful worker to present God's truths to the lost? What can be done? The solution to the problem is in the training of men who are willing to herald forth the Word of God throughout our nation as well as the world. This is the way that we can evangelize our nation as well as the world. It is not an easy task. It takes work and dedication to encourage men to come and train to preach the gospel. As they come and are trained, then we have "Each one teaching many." It greatly multiplies our efforts to the lost.

School has started, and our new class has begun. Since our last newsletter, one student dropped and one added. At present, we have two students in the new class. As reported in our last newsletter, Ethan Young is now with us and has raised his support for his studies here at the Bible Institute. Joining us is Dustin McCrickard, a faithful member of the Bolivar Church of Christ on Killingsworth. For the past five years he has worked with the youth of that congregation out of his own goodwill. His family has been faithful members of the church in Bolivar, Missouri for two generations. We welcome this exceptional young man to our program of studies and know that he will be a much greater asset in the church upon his graduation. Brother McCrickard is married and has two children. He is in need of our support, having raised only a little over half of what he needs to raise for his support to be at an acceptable level. If you desire to help him, please contact me at 417-619-8197 or call the school at 417-865-4543.

We want to thank all of our supporters for the sacrifice you are making to help us train faithful gospel preachers. Without our working together we could not accomplish the goal before us, and that is to commit the Word of God to faithful men so that they can go out and teach others. —Jerry Sullins

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2



Evening School Schedule

6:30 PM — *Book of John* with Adam Orr

7:30 PM — *Hebrew History I* with Brent Green

8:30 PM — *The Godhead* with Chuck Northrop

The current Monday evening classes just started on August 20th and will continue until December 10th. Classes are also archived on our [website](#) for you to view at your leisure. Please take advantage of this great learning opportunity available to all.

BIM First Quarter Classes

First-Year Classes:

Bible Geography

OT and NT Survey

Preacher and His Work I

English Grammar I

Second-Year Classes:

Minor Prophets

General Biblical Introduction

Preacher and His Work V

Greek I

Combined:

Genesis

Life of Christ I



Current BIM Student Body



Allen Fischgrabe, Jesse Young, Dustin McCrickard, Ethan Young

Both Allen and Jesse have returned for their second year. They are joined by two new first-year students—Dustin McCrickard and Ethan Young.

From the Field

Jesus exhorted His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). Upon graduating from the Bible Institute of Missouri, our graduates go out into the field to labor for the Lord. In this

issue and in upcoming issues of the *BIM Informer*, we will be sharing with you where some of our graduates are and what they are doing now.



Dony Rodriguez was born at home in Apipilulco, Guerrero in Mexico. He was the next to the youngest of ten children. He came to the United States in 1987 where he attended high school in Anaheim, California before returning to Mexico. He moved to Missouri in 1994. He met Linda Tilford and married her on December 11, 1996. Dony attended the Bible Institute of Missouri in Springfield, Missouri and graduated with the first class in 2005.

Dony and Linda went to Mexico and started the church in Dony’s home town of Apipilulco. A year later, they started a second congregation in the city of Iguala an hour away. Dony also started a preacher training school because of the need for gospel preachers. The state of Guerrero only has six congregations of the Lord’s church. Dony and Linda lived in Mexico for five years, but they had to return to the United States because of the rise in crime and kidnappings in the area. Dony felt his family was at risk because so many people think that Americans are rich.

Since returning from Mexico, Dony and Linda have been working in Springdale, Arkansas because there is a high population of people there from Dony’s hometown. Since Cave Springs, Arkansas is one of their supporters, Dony talked to the elders about starting a work with the Spanish community. Dony began preaching in Spanish at Cave Springs in January 2012 and moved to the area in May.

“I have kept in contact with the Bible Institute of Missouri since graduation and have gone back to speak in chapel. Ray Sullins, one of the instructors, went to Mexico twice to hold gospel meetings and encourage the new Christians there. I feel that I learned from some wonderful Christians on the importance of taking the gospel to a lost and dying world. Without the training I received at the Bible

Institute of Missouri, I would never have had the ability to run such a successful work in Mexico or anywhere. I remember the love of the people and the ladies that brought us lunch all the time while attending the Bible Institute of Missouri. There are so many reminders that are hard to forget. I appreciate and give God the thanks and glory for being able to be a part of the training I received there.” —Dony Rodriguez

I Believe Jesus Christ Is the Son of God

Dony Rodriguez

As a missionary I have heard the words “I believe in Jesus” many times. I personally, with the help of God and my precious wife, have walked to houses where the people believe in God and His Son, yet they were not willing to open the door to know more about Jesus or His word. I remember on one occasion when we walked to a house, the first thing the lady said was “I have my beliefs, and you will not change me.” Today many people have already made up their minds and do not allow God to set them free (Matthew 7:21).

Continuing the story, the family agreed to let us study and let God guide them. By using the Book of Acts, we read how they killed Stephen. I asked, “Why?” They said, “For preaching Christ.” We discussed how on the first day that they too got so defensive. We were able to help them open the Scriptures and see with their own eyes. This is true for many today but not for all.

Sometimes even Christians believe in Christ, but they are not willing to leave their beliefs and traditions of the world behind. When we look at Acts 8:26-39, Philip taught the Eunuch about Jesus. Why did the man believe in Jesus?

We can learn some lessons from this passage:

1. Someone had to go and tell the news about Jesus. We must share the gospel with others. We must not be ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16). In Acts 8:26-29, the Spirit said to Philip to go near. The key word is “go.” Go into all nations and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). People will not have a chance to go to heaven if someone is not willing to first “go.”

2. The eunuch traveled over 1000 miles to worship God. How far do we travel to go to gospel meetings or youth rallies? How far do we

travel to help other congregations? We are so busy with hobbies or school activities. We think it is too far to go for church activities, but we many times will go farther for a sporting event. It is sad when we make excuses for serving God.

3. The eunuch was not concerned about the heat or conditions of his travel. Many people fight over the heat or air conditioner controls because the building is too hot or too cold. Paul said he had learned to “be content” (Philippians 4:11). The Greek word *arkeo* and its derivatives mean internal satisfaction which does not demand changes in external circumstances. Believers need to be content to know that God is our Father. If we do not have God, we are nothing.

4. The eunuch was willing to leave behind his past traditions, all the law. He learned that the Law of Moses was nailed to the cross by Jesus and that he must depend on Jesus and not Moses. Many Christians today do not want to give up their traditions of the world. One tradition is Halloween. People do not care that it began as a pagan tradition or what it means today. Christmas is the same. It was a pagan celebration to the sun god. Catholics tried to change it because the converts did not want to give up their pagan celebrations. There is a problem when we teach our kids to ask someone besides God to give them what they want. There is no record of the early Christians celebrating Christmas or Halloween. They were more serious about the cost and the sacrifice that their Savior paid on the cross. Are we willing to do the will of the Father? Are we willing to give the glory to Him (1 John 2:15-17)?

5. After the eunuch understood the truth and was baptized, he went on his way rejoicing. Are we willing to look into the Word of God and compare it to our lives and allow the Word of God to change our lives (2 Timothy 3:16-17)? God has all the power to change our lives, but we must take the first step and say, “Lord, change me.” We must get close to Him and not to the world (James 4:7-10).

May God help us all, and together we can help others to escape from Satan and all the pleasures of the world. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? He said, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15).