

## **Ministry Opportunity for Leadership Development and Support at *SSEFC South Campus!***

Part of Mike's future missional efforts will team with **IBAC** which operates under the EFCA REACH Global oversight. You can research the organization and their team here <https://www.ibacministry.org>

**My Ultimate Purpose** is **Leadership Development and Support** by partnering with pastors and churches. My **mission field** includes the church in Bolivia, SSEFC and a broader network of churches that I currently have a working relationship with, along with new church partners that are already coming on board. I have a commitment from Fellowship Church (EFCA) in Dallas, PA, to share equally in the financial costs of the Bolivia Institute and raising up teaching teams. I also have current interest from three EFCA churches that I have served with in the past and a couple of Bible Churches that are familiar with my ministry. I mention that simply so that no one is overwhelmed by the magnitude of the opportunity. **We've got a team coming together already by the grace of God!**

**My Mission: Support existing leaders and help them develop new leaders** by:

- 1) Participating with a team to **provide Biblical Instruction** onsite in Santa Cruz Bolivia in two institutes per year.
- 2) **Recruiting and deploying** stateside teams to join the Bolivia team.
  - As instructors
  - In hands on missionary training and serving in compassion ministries, ESL, medical... as individuals and churches desire.
- 3) Uploading ***The Encouraging Word*** notes and **IBAC courses** to ***Right Now Media*** available for:
  - Bolivian students to review and interact with each in coaching groups that meet between courses.
  - Stateside leaders to take and to use in their own ministries of leadership development or instruction.
- 4) Developing additional ***Leadership Resources*** available to all church partners and interested pastors through ***Right Now Media***. This would include resources such as:
  - Sermon and lesson development resources such as sermon outlines, illustrations and coaching help.
  - Disciple making resources, perhaps such as Hank Griffith's book reviews and disciple making helps.
  - Planning retreat and vision-casting resources for church leadership teams.
  - There's a "whole gob" of opportunities, possibilities and need but we'll take them one at a time!
- 5) **Partnering with church partners & pastors** for on-site training, speaking & serving as requested. This could include:
  - **Pulpit fill** on short-term basis (taking < 20% of Sundays in 2019 and < 50% 2020.)
  - **Training Events** focused on the mission, stateside, and to the ends of the earth.
  - **Hosting leaders** for retreat and renewal – in my home and on ***Man-sized Adventures***.

## What's the *Bolivian Connection* look like?

**Needs:** Mike is already committed to teaching and leading in Bolivia as part of his ministry for the next 7 years. He is seeking church and individual partners to support with 1) **Prayer**, 2) **Teams** (1-4 people for one week every year), & 3) **Finances** (< \$9,000 **Start up** and ~\$6-7k per year after.)



**Bolivia Map** - the location of the **Bible Institute will be in SANTA CRUZ**. It's a major city. La Paz is the political capital, but Santa Cruz is the economic center of the country.



**Bolivia Bible Institute** - this is a shot **of the Bible Institute in action**. Dr. Jim Wilson with **IBAC** (EFCA) taught the first of 15 courses to check interest and the opportunity here. The location is the church where our key contact, MARCELO, is the pastor. His expectation was to have around 50 people, but he had closer to 80 he said response to September is even greater and is likely to **exceed 100 Pastors**.



The group we work with is known as **Los Hermanos** - which is translated as, The Brothers/Brethren. They are like the U.S. **Plymouth Brethren**. They have significant influence within the country. Jim says, "They were an absolute joy to work with - very receptive and enthusiastic." They have a Bible Training School that we would cooperate with as our model provides opportunities for more people to be trained. Jim met with the director of the Bible Training School, and he's supportive of IBAC.

**Bolivia Grads** - Here's a picture of some of the students after receiving their certificates. One thing to note here is the predominance of males. In other Bible Institutes in Latin America, there is a stronger female presence. This may be due to Brethren belief and practice. They did have some ladies participate, and that is encouraged, but this is by far the Bible Institute with more men most of them being teaching elders and Pastors.



### **BOLIVIA MINISTRIES - BEYOND THE BIBLE INSTITUTE**

While the Vision team was there, they had two meetings with some folks associated with the Brethren who are missionaries to Indigenous People in Bolivia. Their ministries are wide and varied - biblical teaching, discipleship, language learning, feeding, community development, etc. If there is interest in this, there could be **opportunities** for people to plug in to these **more "remote" missional adventures**. Links below to these **ministries** and a PowerPoint presentation from a couple who works with another ethnic group.

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