

# International Victory Bible Institutes



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# School's Testimony

by Janka Kozicova- IVBI staff

Allen and Kathy Sappington are founders and directors of Floating Bible Schools International, Inc., a non-profit ministry, liberating island nations out of spiritual darkness into the light of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God has called Floating
Bible Schools' ministry to
the island inhabitants of
Panama. This is
specifically to a semiprimitive indigenous
people group called
Kuna. Their primary focus
is to plant churches through
evangelistic trips and start Bible
Schools that incorporate
discipleship training.

Recently, after a year of evangelizing, a team from Floating Bible Schools planted a church in the mainland village of Gangandi. Joselio Diaz, a faithful brother and former Floating Bible School student, became the leader of the church group.

Taking Bible school training by any means to the island nations

FLOATING BIBLE SCHOOLS

As a student, Joselio attended classes as well as regular meetings, teachings, and

conferences held on Nalunega Island, five hours away from his village. After seeing Joselio's faithfulness, leadership skills, and fruit, the Floating Bible School, under the direction of the Sappington's, purchased a large parcel of land next to Gangandi village.

The land was cleared and Joselio and some church members planted 200 pineapple plants to help raise money to start building the church. With the pineapple sales and money borrowed from a government educational trust fund, they bought the needed materials and started to build. The

building in Gangandi is now finished and dedicated to the Lord.



IVBI School Ancon, Panama



IVBI students attending Video School Ancon, Panama

### From the Director's Desk

by Ron Stafford - IVBI Director

### "Momentum"

Momentum is God working in the life of a believer to advance the Kingdom of God. Today, like never before you and I need momentum. We need to keep moving in the direction of the fulfillment of whatever it is that God has put into our hearts.

What has God put into your heart?

He wants you to know and He uses dreams and visions to draw us a picture of what He wants us to see. In Joel 2:28, speaking of the last days, it tells us God will pour out His spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

What is God showing you?

Have you written it down?

Habakkuk 2:2 tells us to "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that reads it."

IVBI began with a series of visions, God showing what He wanted and then was confirmed by Godly counsel through Pastor



Billy Joe Daugherty and others. The momentum has continued and is increasing at an increasing rate.

You are a part of this momentum, but I also believe God has put dreams and visions in you and there is momentum (grace, anointing and faith) flowing

through you. We must not let our momentum slow down.

We must stir up this momentum and not allow ourselves to become discouraged or sluggish, or lose sight of the vision and dreams God gives us. This is why he tells us to write it down, to make it understandable so we and others can continue to run,

bringing it to fulfillment.

Let me encourage you to take time to hear from God and write down what He shows you. This is the way we advance His Kingdom. It is not so much by our personal might and power, but it is by His Spirit. Zechariah 4 gives the account of God speaking to

Zerubbabel regarding the building of the temple. It is just one of many examples.

God still speaks to us today about the building of the spiritual temple that is in the hearts of God's people. Get God's vision for you and keep the momentum going.

# **IVBI STATUS**



986 Schools in

96 countries

More than **24,000** Current students

Over 85,000 Graduates

Check out the latest IVBI videos at: www.youtube.com/IVBITulsa

# **Teacher's Corner**

by Colleen Long - IVBI Teacher Coordinator

We have heard from many of you beloved directors, expressing your desire to have IVBI Teachers come and teach in your schools. We are working to enlarge our network of IVBI Teachers to help meet your need. We are planning to increase the awareness of IVBI Teacher opportunities within our network of teachers. Teachers will be informed of your requests at our IVBI Teacher Meetings that are held every other month and also via e-mail directly to all IVBI Teachers. We join our prayers with yours that when teachers hear about your need they will respond, come and be a blessing to you and your students!

## **Teacher Testimony**:

Al Watt tells about his experience teaching in an IVBI in Ecuador: "All in all, this was a great experience for me. I experienced some of the most powerful anointings on my teaching



ministry that I have ever experienced. Director Rolando Rodriquez and his staff were very gracious to me and saw to it that my needs were met. Also, they took me to see some of the sights in the area, which I really enjoyed. I feel that I have developed some life-long friendships, and I consider it a huge blessing from God I was able to go."

During the first 3 months of 2010, IVBI Teachers have traveled to American Samoa, Brussels, Cambodia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines, Samoa, Togo, and Vietnam.

# The Translator's Voice



My name is <u>David Rutinduka</u> and I am a Victory Bible Institute graduate. I moved with my family over three years ago to Tulsa, Oklahoma. My wife and I have been translating the IVBI courses into French and getting to hear the Word over and over has transformed our lives. Despite being a meticulous work, we have experienced several miracles during these times of translation. One time, to just mention a miracle, I was translating one class on the

Authority of the Believer and I was believing God for finances and in my translation the speaker was talking about calling forth what we believe. So I started calling for finances. A few minutes later someone who was looking for me was directed to my translation booth and the person had just come to give me some money and left. The Word works and we feel extremely rewarded by the thought that so many students around the world will be able to access these teachings in their known language.

New video courses available:

Authority of the
Believer 1
(iPod/iPhone/iPod Touch)
English & French

Authority of the
Believer 2
(iPod/iPhone/iPod Touch)
English

Character of God (DVD) French & Portuguese



# IVBI Regional News

## IVBI - South America Region

As we come close to finishing the month of March and have finished the first quarter of the year we are excited to share with you that the South American region is doing it's best to help IVBI reach the goal of 1,000 schools. We have seen several schools started this year in Argentina, Colombia, Bolivia and Peru. Three things that have been a tremendous blessing in helping Latin leaders have schools this year are:

### Victory Bible Institute by Video

One of the more exciting things that is happening in our region is the implementation of the

Video Bible school. Since we have had the IVBI video school in Spanish many more churches have been able to take advantage of it and start their own school.

### **Country coordinators**

Another one of the testimonies that has helped with starting more schools is the implementation of country coordinators. For some time we have desired to have people in specific countries that would help with the correspondence in a particular country. At this time we have been able to find coordinators in the country of Bolivia and also in Argentina. Once they are both in place we will be

able to assist others more in facilitating their schools.

#### International conferences

The last thing that has helped us come in contact with people who have a desire to host a school is through international conferences. As we have traveled and hosted international conferences we have been able to meet some great contacts that have opened the door for more schools.

I would like to thank again IVBI and Victory Christian Center for their help in planting Bible schools throughout the world.

extension Schools Directors.

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# **IVBI - Caribbean Region**

## Dominican Republic

More than 160,000 people attended the 4 day crusade that Victory Christian Center held in the city of Azua, Dominican Republic on March 2010.

Signs and wonders manifested every night as Pastor Sharon Daugherty, Pastor Paul Daugherty and Pastor Caleb Wehrli preached the Word of

God with power and grace. As part of the Victory Missions team, Ron Stafford (IVBI Director) and Luis Garcia (IVBI Assistant Director) were able to

> meet with pastors, leaders and IVBI Directors in the cities of Azua and

Barahona. Ten (10) new IVBI's will be started before the end of the year.



In a recent trip to Cuba, many doors of opportunity were opened for IVBI. With the help of missionaries, local pastors, and IVBI Directors, churches from different denominations agreed to use IVBI video courses as their main discipleship program.

As a result more than 60

IVBI's will be starting in the months to come.

by Luis Garcia IVBI Assistant Director - USA Igarcia@victory.com



**IVBI - Mexico & Central America Region** 

Since IVBI started helping pastors and missionaries open Bible Schools around the world, there has been tremendous growth in the number of schools that have started, which I believe will turn into exponential growth in these last days as the fields that are ripe to harvest call out for leaders and workers.

Jesus told his disciples, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the world as a witness to all nations. And then the end shall come."

Presently, as the director of the second year ministerial program in one of the original IVBI's started some 16 years ago, I am seeing the effectiveness of the DVD school being used by a number of our graduates who are pastoring

local churches to train up their leaders. Many of these pastors are from indigenous tribes in Oaxaca and live in areas that are still considered unreached with the gospel.

I have received many comments

from the pastors as to how the DVD school has helped them train their leaders for the work of the ministry and brought revelational and relevant

truth that inspires and motivates their people to a new level in serving the Lord. Last month, I spoke with Pastor Carmelita Cortés from Juquila, Oaxaca who has a growing and vibrant work located in an area that has been a stronghold of idolatry in the region.

She said, "This (having an IVBI) is definitely worth it! It has had a tremendous impact on our church. I have 8 more people who want to start the program NOW and don't want to wait until the next class enters, so we have decided to start another year now and have

two classes going

simultaneously." How about you IVBI director, do you have graduates pastoring a local church or serving in a local church whose pastor desires to start an IVBI? I strongly

urge you not to wait! Now is the time! And in the words of Pastor Carmelita, it is definitely worth it!

