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The HORTON FAMILY Newsletter

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Planting New Testament Baptist Churches

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FINISHED BUT RARIN' TO GO!

On January 18, the Bible Baptist Institute of the North graduated three students. Two of the students are currently pastors of fundamental Baptist Churches in our area, and the lady is a Sunday School teacher in one of the churches. We are proud of these students who have remained faithful throughout the course of their training. One of these pastors (Josias) will be one of our new professors in the Bible Institute.

Please pray for the Bible Institute in three ways:

1. That God will call new laborers who are truly serious about studying God's Word and preparing for the soul-winning and church-planting ministry. This semester we anticipate having a student body of 9-10 students.
2. That God will raise up Godly, qualified professors for our Institute. A serious shortage of good instructors has presented a sizeable difficulty for us, as well as the students, over the years.
3. That God will bless as we start classes for the new school year in just a couple of weeks, and that He will do a great work in the lives of our students, giving them determination



Josias, Aldair, José

FURLOUGH PLANS

This will be busy year for the Horton household! We plan on arriving in the States in May for our daughter Keila's graduation, as well as getting Stacy ready for college in the Fall. We also plan to start our furlough travels at the beginning of June. We are so looking forward to reporting to our supporting churches, as well as visiting some new churches. We are always refreshed and encouraged by God's people during our furlough, and we pray that we will be a blessing to the churches, families, and individuals we will be visiting.

I would like to make you aware of a small change that we are praying about making in our furlough "habits." Due in part to our new medical insurance carrier's regulations, we will be taking a furlough of only nine months. Moreover, this will probably be the general rule from now on. Therefore, time permitting in the ministry here, we have prayed about the possibility of taking shorter terms (2-3 years), and one-semester furloughs (as opposed to a full year), from now on. Of course, the current situation of the church-planting ministry here will always be a priority when we decide how long to stay on the field during a term.

How will this impact our supporting partners? Obviously, we will have less time to report, so we will not be able to get to as many churches in any given furlough. What we are praying about doing, therefore, is primarily visiting churches in a certain part of the country during one furlough, and then focusing on reporting in a different part of the country 2-3 years later, Lord willing. Of course, this will be subject to exceptions, and if you would especially like to schedule us in your church during a particular furlough (including this upcoming one), please us know, and we will do our best to make it work. Our desire is to be a blessing, please God, and be good stewards of His resources, including finances and time. Please pray that God will give us wisdom as we figure this out for His glory.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us, and for your faithfulness to the Lord!

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..." Acts 26:18a