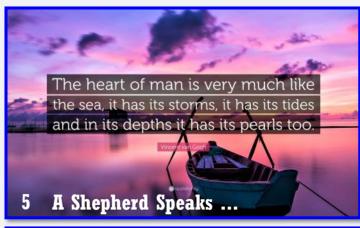


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Why Should **YOU** Support Educating Students at the Bible School of the Americas?



Kirk Brothers, Killen, Alabama President, Heritage Christian University

ome preach, some purse . . . the spread of the Good News requires both. Paul was able to preach to the world, in part, because he was sent by the church at Antioch and financially supported by churches like Philippi. Philippi seems to have been a key supporting congregation for him (cf. Phil. 4). Note what he says of the Church there in the letter he wrote them: "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me." Philippians 4:6-7 Paul felt that those who opened their purses to financially support his preaching and who encouraged him as he did so were just as much a part of the preaching of God's grace

as Paul was.

here are men all across Latin America who want to preach the Good News of Jesus, but they need training to do so. The Bible School of the Americas in Panama can provide that training. Those who come to the school must uproot their families, leave their homes, guit their jobs, and come to the campus to devote two years of their lives to learning how to teach God's word. They cannot do so without your help! They do not ask for wealth; they will never attain it in this life. They simply ask for the opportunity to prepare themselves for ministry so God can use them to change the world. Some preach, some purse. We have those willing to be preachers. Who will open their purses and share from their blessings from God to assist these preachers in fulfilling the Great Commission?

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The Great Contribution

Travis Lewis, Elder, Valdosta, GA

e like to add our own two cents to just about anything. I've been guilty of such, and I'm not alone. I suppose if we reflect on why we do this, the desire to contribute seems to be at the heart of it. Mankind has always wanted to leave behind something, a mark or signature brushstroke. In many areas of our lives and the Church, such contributions are welcome. I know as a Bible class teacher, contribution from the class is most appreciated. This creates ownership, buy-in, collaboration, and teamwork. All great characteristics of learning, unity, and growth.

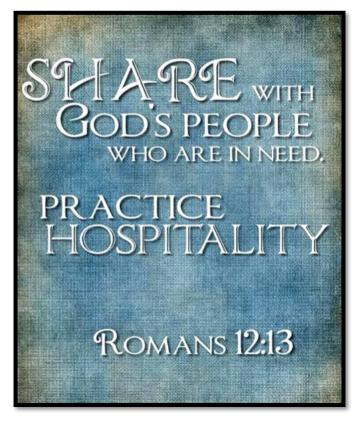
od certainly puts a premium on the topic. If you study with this in mind, Romans 12 is a fascinating chapter. God sees great value in contributing. He sees unity, arowth, dependency, faithfulness, and eternal life. How do we know this? We are all familiar with the command of giving in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, to give as God has prospered us to aid in works of the Church. The most profound example of contribution would be in God giving his only Son. (John 3:16) In both of these examples we see what it means to God to contribute. What it means to God to sacrifice. From the money in our pocket to giving of one's life for another.

gain, Romans 12. When we can see the blood- stained value of how God defines contribution, it changes our lives, our priorities! This conviction drives us to become a living sacrifice, and our spirituality grows along with our contribution, continually increasing for the benefit of the Church! One of the marks of a true Christian is filling the needs of the Saints and the work of the Church. Yes, Romans 12:13. What an opportunity God has given us in the work of LAM! An opportunity to support and



contribute to the school's faculty, staff, students, and the training of native preachers. Works that grow the Church! What better investment is there? Teachers growing preachers, preachers growing teachers, God always giving the increase. Mark 16:15-16: 1 Cor. 3:6-8

God. This dependency creates a stronger relationship and common bond. This same principle applies to the Church body and the support of her works with special focus on foreign missions (Romans 10:14-15). God works in us all and through us all. We are one in Him and this one body, supporting itself, serving with the same purpose, and growing all the more when working together! By God's grace and mercy, may He continue to bless LAM with your continued desire to contribute! Matthew 6:21





s we near the end of 2021, many thoughts turn to our annual givings, donations, and tax benefits. King Solomon spoke of the wisdom in handling our financial gains properly in Proverbs 24:3-4, "Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches." Latin American Missions has been blessed to be the recipient of abundant giving from likeminded brethren the world over. We pray that 2021 and into 2022 the blessings will continue.

Below are some general areas where "planned tax gifts" can be of tremendous value to both the giver and receiver. As with all tax saving strategies, please consult with your CPA, Financial Advisor, and/or Estate Attorney to make sure your year end financial plan is the proper fit for you.

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\$100,000 annually is excluded from taxable income.

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Memorial and Honorary Gifts: One other way to benefit LAM and memorialize or recognize a loved one is through donations made in memory or honor of someone. Please include the name of the person(s) being memorialized/honored as well as the names/addresses of their loved one that you would like to be notified of the gift. We also make mention of these gifts in our quarterly newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of Latin American Missions!

Jonna Swilley

LAM Bookkeeper

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"Opening Our Eyes to

Chuck Morris, Jackson, TN

Thirty years seems like a long time when you are a teenager, but for most of us reading this article it seems like just yesterday. I was 19. Having always dreamed of being a doctor, I decided to tag along on a medical mission trip to Honduras. The blessing of seeing and doing things that I had dreamt of was something I was thankful for. While we were cutting on skin, God was cutting on my heart.

ate one afternoon, the doctor that I'd been working with went out to lead some songs for the children who were waiting on their parents. I was encouraged by his passion and the way he used his talents in many powerful ways. He later shared with me that ministry was truly his passion and he did medicine to create opportunities to share his faith. During that week, my heart and mind began to look at the purpose and mission for my life with new eyes. During that campaign, I was able to study with and baptize a father of one of the children who had come to the clinic. From that point forward, I was convinced that healing the eternal is far more important than treating the physical.

returned home with memories that would shape my future. My friends and I began talking about putting together a medical mission team that would move away. Other friends were also stirred by our passion. Other campaigns for future student groups formed and grew. Though my friends and I didn't travel the world together, each of us have continued to do missions to this day. Personally, I changed my vocation from being a doctor to working for the 'Great Physician.'

here did it all begin? It wasn't in a classroom. It wasn't from a sermon. It wasn't a mission's presentation. It was from Jesus saying, "Go into all the world." (Mark 16:15-16) It was from an older brother in Christ inviting me to be a part of a world changing, soul teaching, eternity impacting EXPERIENCE that would open my eyes to a Godsized vision for my life.



will submit what I have seen personally that impact

- --INVITE THEM TO WALK ALONG SIDE YOU.
- --INVITE THEM TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD WIT
- --INVITE THEM TO DISCUSS THEIR STRUGGLES.
- --INVITE THEM TO OPEN GOD'S WORD AND TO

aul wrote in I Corinthians 11:1, "Follow me (my example)

- --What if we began to model for our young people
- --What if we invited them into Bible conversation
- --What if we took them on a visit?
- --What if we asked them to go with us to the jail for
- --What if we had them help us with a Bible study a
- --What if we took them on a personal Bible study?
- --What if we, like Paul, loaded up a couple of your join in the very MISSION that Jesus came to Ear

This generation sees people with greater understand look beyond the sin and see the soul. We must rein the Kingdom for purposes that will populate Heaven

What young person will you encourage to tak What teen will hear from you not to worry abou What future Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, or John

a God-Sized Vision"

"This generation has great goals and tremendous vision for doing good.

They dream of having a global impact."

s deeply the faith of young Christians.

H YOU.

ASK QUESTIONS.

mple), *as I follow* (the example of) *Christ."* e what it looks like to make disciples? where we are seeking to grow?

or a Bible class?

It the nursing home?

nger guys (John Mark and Timothy) and asked them to th for — "to seek and save the lost"?

ding and compassion than I ever did. They truly do cognize that gift and invite them into using their gifts a throughout all eternity.

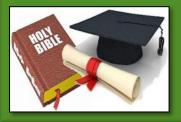
te part in a mission campaign next summer?
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I Mark will you be inviting alongside of you?

There is much discussion today as to how to help with the departure of our young people from the Faith. I would submit to you that inviting them "into all the world" to capture a God-sized purpose for their lives is a great place to start. Asking them to prepare before the trip in studies to deepen their own faith, leading them to process the experience through devotionals and journaling, and connecting them with the Family of God around the world will forever impact their lives and their passion and concern for missions.

s I began my youth ministry some 26 years ago, ne of my first priorities was to create an opportunity for youth to be involved in missions. Guess what? Surprisingly, we returned to work in Honduras with a group. We went to other places as well, but those early trips reminded me again of the power of those mission trips to impact students. Four of my early students eventually became a part of an international mission team that worked to start a congregation in Asunción, Paraguay. One of the team's early students in Paraguay is now a missionary in a Hispanic congregation in Miami, FL. Another student on those early trips decided to be a youth minister (who has since taken several students to Honduras to work). Another is a full-time minister who has his eyes fixed on evangelism and saving the lost.

on those who have walked away. It hurts. It's tragic. I often question things that we might have done differently. Yes, we need to continue to reach out, reteach, and remind them of the great love that God has for them and the eternal consequences of walking apart from the Lord. Are there things we need to consider as ways to be more effective in growing faithful disciples of Jesus? ABSOLUTELY!!!

BIBLE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS



Where Are They Now?

Jose Chavarria, Minister @ Boquete, Panama

Boquete is a district that belongs to the Panamanian province of Chiriquí. I've been here since March, 2013. When we began working in this area, there were only nine faithful Christians. Thanks to our Lord, we now have 40 members and 16 kids who come for Bible classes. In the beginning, we found Christians who had gone astray and worked with the people in town through evangelism efforts. Later, we had restorations and baptisms.



to not help them using that same money. Also, Hurricane ETA came. Not only our church family lost their relatives because of the virus, but some got ill and others lost their homes due to being swept away by the river that grew with the hurricane. So, we've helped them with food, clothes, and a place to stay. For those that passed away, we were the ones to transport their coffins to a place for burial. We continue to have our meetings virtually.

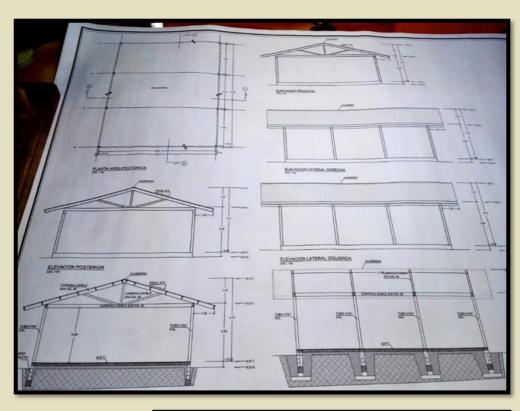
To this day, I believe our number would be greater if all would keep listening to Jesus, but some have decided to fall away. Although we don't have our own church building yet, we do have a property that we bought five years ago. We were blessed to put together \$45,000 from our offerings and bought a field of 9,682 square meters for the church to assemble and worship God. The property is fenced with barbed wire.

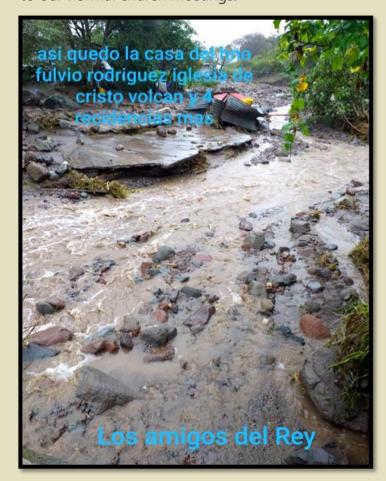


es, we had the money and planned to begin the church building project, but then COVID came last year. The pandemic put our brethren in difficult situations. Of course, it was impossible for us

y the same token, we also work in the Volcan region, another district of the same province, Chiriquí. We began that work with brother Alirio Justavino, another preacher in town. We've baptized nine people and restored two souls to the Lord. The church at Vista Hermosa in Panama City was supporting us with rent for a meeting house. When the pandemic came, we weren't allowed to use the house because of its small size and the measures of biosecurity given by the Ministry of Health. Then, our brother, Agenor Rudas, informed us that, because of their building plans with the congregation in Panama City, they would no longer be able to support us with rent money. Our brothers and sisters from Volcan are joining our virtual meetings with the congregation in Boquete.

e are encouraging ourselves and keep doing the Lord's work in the midst of all these hardships. We cannot gather in person, but when we are allowed to go back, we don't have a place to assemble for Bible classes and worship. I believe there are doors that can be opened, but for now we ask for your prayers. We trust that God, as He has done already, will take care of all of us. Before this tragedy came, an architect made for us a blueprint for the proposed church building. Some further studies are needed before beginning the construction. For now, with the Lord's treasure we have, we still need \$5,000 to begin the first part of the building. Our desire is to return to our normal church meetings.





Translation: This was one of the brothers' houses in Volcan. There were four other houses in the same situation.



Benevolence was distributed to brethren in need of basic supplies after the devastating floods from the hurricanes.



Ladies of LAM

Join Us in Supporting LAM

Betty Shafer, Palestine, AR

y youngest sister, Rosie Howton, persuaded my older sister, Wanda Crews, and me to go on a mission trip to Panama in 2002. It was guite an adventure! From a long bus ride to the end of a road and a turbulent helicopter ride, we arrived in Calovebora. The first person I met was Simion Vasquez who is now an instructor at the Bible School of the Americas there in Panama, Since that first trip, I have gone back to Panama eleven times on Evangelism and Medical Mission Campaigns. I have loved every minute of them and have met amazing people along the way. My grandson, Jacob, was fortunate enough to work with two exceptional preachers on his first trip, Rosendo Grenald ("Big Sarge") and Jose Rodriguez. He learned a lot about Panamanian culture and mission work in Latin America during the two weeks he was with them. It inspired him to attend Freed-Hardeman University and begin his work as a minister and teacher.



Melanie Mackey (Rosie's daughter), Rosie Howton, Lance Smith (Rosie's son-in-law), Betty Shafer, Wanda Crews

America so that they can make the most of every opportunity to spread the gospel to lost souls. While I may not ever get to return to Panama, I can still support the mission work that takes place by providing financial support to the Bible School of the Americas. To anyone who is able to do so, I passionately recommend supporting the faculty, staff, and students for the furtherance of the gospel.

Latin American Missions & Truth for Today World Mission School





"TFTWMS is covering one-tenth of the world each year with an extensive mailing of the two books, <u>The Life of Christ, 1 and 2</u>. The current mass mailing is to Latin America! We have worked diligently to prepare Spanish editions so they may be sent out to preachers and teachers throughout Latin America. Through the sending of these materials, we want to foster a movement of grassroots missionaries who can do the amazing work of sharing Jesus with the people around them."

-- Dr. Eddie Cloer, D. Min., General Editor --

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