

Southwest School of Bible Studies-Austin, Texas



For many years we have had the privilege of supporting men who are attending the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas. These men attend the two year program which prepares them to preach the Gospel. The leadership at the Southwest Church of Christ oversees this work.

At the present time, Weber Road is helping to support four students at SWSBS: **Daniel Garza** (Wife-LaKesha, they have 3 children, Hannah, Spencer and Zoe), **Brandon Liner** (Wife-Jami, they have four children, Kaicelyn, Kyson, Jeremiah and Julianah), **Jose Maldonado** (Wife-Maricela, they have 2 children, Jose Luise Jr. III and Emily Sarahi), and **DJ Stucky** (Wife-Dana, they have one child, Brenna). Their contact information is available on the "Preacher Training" bulletin board in the foyer and you are welcome to send them notes of encouragement! Also, pray for each of these men and their families.

Brother Rick Brumback, the school's director, has provided the following report on the overall status of SWSBS:

Dear Brethren,

I trust this letter finds you and the congregation at Weber Road doing well. On behalf of the entire faculty and student body, thank you for your continued support of . . . SWSBS. Without the fellowship of faithful brethren, this work of training Gospel preachers and teachers could not go forward, but together we can serve the kingdom in this combined endeavor.

The 2014 graduating class of five students was a bit smaller than the usual, but they proved to be a top-notch class from whom we expect great service. Thomas Clinton will return for one more quarter at SWSBS before he travels back to his native home in Liberia to work there permanently. During this summer break he made a 10-day journey home in order to prepare for his transition in November. He plans to preach and work to begin a full-time ministry program in Liberia for training preachers locally. William Chen and his wife Yolanda will be returning to Taiwan this month to begin his work preaching and also initiating a ministry program for the local training of preachers. Josh Moore has been hired as Ministry Intern here at the Southwest Church of Christ. He will work with our young people and families, gain experience alongside the pulpit preacher, Sam Willcut and assist with aspects of the SWSBS program. In addition, he will continue his education in the SWSBS Graduate Program, with an emphasis in Christian Education. Joshua Ortiz and family have moved to Miami, Oklahoma, where Josh will serve as the local evangelist. This is the first real association that Southwest alumni have had with brethren in that part of the country, and we hope that this will lead to increased association and fellowship with the brethren in northeastern Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas. Finally, Jon Williams and his wife Emily have moved to Roanoke, Texas, where Jon has been hired as an Intern working alongside the preacher, Joey Davis. Jon is a particularly capable young man, and he will have the opportunity to hone his skills and continue his education working under the guidance of solid elders.

The new second year class has been enjoying a brief break before commencing their last year of study on August 1. Several of them have traveled to visit family and supporters; Cary Dwyer and his wife Sharon accompanied Thomas Clinton to Liberia to participate in a campaign conducted during their 10-day travel. Three students participated in summer internships: Nathan Dwyer at World Video Bible School, Samuel Ramirez with the Westhill congregation in Corsicana, and Daniel Garza at the Norton Street congregation in Corpus Christi.

Finally, we have seven new students preparing to begin their studies: Austin Armagost, Mike Batot (who will actually begin in the second quarter), Michelle Chenault, Kati Haffner, Brandon Liner, Callie Puckett, and DJ Stucky. Austin, Michelle, Kati, and Callie have recently graduated from high school and are beginning their college career with SW; Austin in particular plans to become a full-time evangelist. Mike, Brandon, and DJ are all entering Southwest as second-career students who have decided to prepare to preach the Gospel. This appears to be a high-performing group, and we anticipate an excellent school year.

As I mentioned, we feel very blessed to be engaged in this work and are thankful that affairs are looking very positive. Without doubt, your sustained support and encouragement continue to help make this work possible.... I pray continued blessings upon you and the valuable work in which you are engaged. If I can ever be of service to you in any fashion, please let me know.

Your brother in Christ, Rick Brumback



Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver-Denver, Colorado



The Weber Road Church of Christ has had great opportunities to help support men involved with the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver, Colorado. Presently we are sending support to **Will Hanstein**, a teacher at the school and director of the Master's program. We are also helping to support **Troy Woolery** who will graduate in May of 2015 and **Casey Cleveland** who will graduate in May of 2016. We also helped Dale Babinsky who graduated in May of 2014 and is now preaching in King, North Carolina at the South Stoke Church of Christ.

Following is a report for Bear Valley for the 2013-2014 school year:

Denver Campus

1. Enrollment of 32 full-time men with an additional 21 part-time men and women.
2. Graduated 18 on May 18, 2014. Two have moved to foreign works in Malawi, East Africa and the Grand Cayman Islands. The rest have accepted domestic works in California, Colorado, Wyoming, North Carolina and Florida.
3. Hosted our annual "Future Preacher's Training Camp" with 47 men (ages 13-18) in attendance. Our Camp is now the longest running Future Preacher's Training Camp in the brotherhood (13 years).
4. Study conducted showed that 72% of Bear Valley graduates are still in full-time ministry. An additional 8% are working in some official capacity, but not full-time.
5. Hosted the annual Lectureship in September with largest attendance on record (well over 400 attendees).
6. Denver graduates are found in every state in the US, plus on every continent except Antarctica.
7. Offered three "Blitz Week" classes for those in the Master's Program. There are presently 75 men who are active in our Master's program.
8. Hosted special seminars on Minister Burnout, Conflict Management, Biblical Counseling, Evangelism Methods.
9. Hosted our annual Bible Institute Retreat in which over 60 Bear Valley Faculty, family and friends attended.

International Campuses

1. Presently operating 17 international campuses with enrollment of around 250 (full-time male students).
2. Discontinued school in Chandigarh, India.
3. Began new schools in Kenya and in Haiti.
4. Hosted annual Staff retreat in which all 14 of the men involved in the Extension Program came to Denver.

Keith Kasarjian, Assistant Director of the Extension Program made the following statement: *There are now 17 extensions, in 13 different countries around the world, with 254 full-time, preacher training students! This year has also witnessed 122 men graduate with their degree or certificate from Bear Valley. Just think of all the potential in those men and their families in the years to come, as the vast majority of them are serving in fertile parts of the world. This is truly exciting!*

But at Bear Valley, we know that we aren't doing this alone. We depend on partners and supporters to help us train preachers around the world. In addition to our all-important supporters, 78 different local teachers taught in Bear Valley extensions this year. In addition to those local men, another 57 men have made the journey to an extension to teach a "short course" to our students. This truly is a team effort at every level.

In addition to teaching these men how to preach and live, we want to instill in them a passion for soul-winning. This is borne out in the many studies, campaigns, and gospel meetings that they are involved in throughout the year. As a result of these efforts, we know of at least 990 baptisms, 60 new congregations, 5 congregations restored, 292 campaigns and gospel meetings, 4 lectureships, 4 youth conferences and camps, 1068 bible studies, and the conversion of at least 8 denominational preachers. To God be the glory!

All information regarding the Bible Institute and her Extension Schools can be found on the website (www.WeTrainPreachers.com). Isn't it great to be involved in this work? Let's keep all that is being done to train preachers and to evangelize throughout the world in our prayers!