



# The TGCBI Herald

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*And how can they hear  
without someone  
preaching to them? And  
how can they preach  
unless they are sent? As  
it is written, "How  
beautiful are the feet of  
those who bring good  
news!"*

*Rom. 10:14-15*

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***Kevin Montgomery begins as assistant director of the TGCBI***

## **Welcome to Kevin Montgomery!**

We are excited and pleased to announce the arrival of Kevin Montgomery as the new assistant director of the TGCBI.

Kevin, his wife Alicia, and their daughter Bethany came to Houston in early June, settling into the south side of Houston.

Most of June was spent in bringing Kevin up to speed on the multiple tasks he will be required to perform in his new job.

These include teaching occasional classes and helping maintain and operate the various

kinds of technology required for our classes—video conferencing cameras, Messenger, projectors, webcams, routers, laptops and desktops, and all the varied software programs used as well.

He also will keep financial records, and help maintain the physical plant. He will help on student recruiting and fund raising, and of course will be around the Houston campus daily for great interaction with the Houston full-time students.

He will also work alongside of Ignacio Barcenas in knowing what the students are doing in the churches where they work, and occasionally visit those sites.



*Houston full-time students*

Kevin brings a variety of talents and experience to the institute. He began his preparation for missions at the Adventures in Missions (AIM) program at Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI). During the time in AIM, he spent 2 years in Chemnitz, Germany as an apprentice missionary. Upon returning to the states, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Spanish and Master's degree in Greek at Texas Tech University, and later a Certificate of Biblical and Ministry Studies at SIBI. For the last five years he ministered to the church of Christ in El Paso, where he worked as a bilingual missionary in a recently planted congregation.

Kevin's move to Houston was a key factor in Steve Austin being able to modify his role with the TGCBI. Steve, Lynette, and their family moved to Abilene, where Lynette will teach in the Communication Science Disorders department at ACU.

Steve remains the director of the TGCBI, continuing to direct the video conferencing network and administer the new online video streaming program. He is teaching several courses on the network. Since much of his work in Houston was by video conferencing, email, and phone, it is easily taken to Abilene.

The move to Abilene will also open up the possibility of collaborating with ACU in different ways, as well as other churches

and individuals. Please pray that God will bless and lead both Kevin and Steve in their new positions, and pray that they and their families adjust to their new challenges and opportunities.

#### **Four New Sites Added**

God continues to provide opportunities in surprising ways and places for ministry training, and also to let us meet and work with wonderful people, both from churches here and brethren in other countries.

This quarter we were blessed to add four sites to our video conferencing network. Lima (Peru) and La Palma (El Salvador) added 6 students to those we are training long-distance, and they are both enrolled in several courses this quarter.



*Class with Quito, Lima, Little Rock, and Houston*

Steve Austin set up Abilene (TX) as a new site, from which he began teaching this quarter, and it is possible that this site will also have new students from the Abilene area.

Finally, when the Little Rock camera had problems one day, we found out that Jorge Pineda has set up a camera at the Pleasant Valley church, also in Little Rock, making available another place and teacher for potential classes. Jorge and Pleasant Valley graciously permitted us the use of their site for several days.

We are enthusiastic about this kind of growth, and expect several other sites to join, possibly as early as next quarter.

### **News and Notes**

#### Sunset Offers Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree

As a result of a recent ruling by the Texas Supreme Court, the State of Texas has issued a letter to Sunset International Bible Institute granting them the authority to confer a Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree. This degree will lend even more credibility to their graduates, and can also possibly be extended to other branch and affiliate schools of Sunset. The TGCBI also meets most of the conditions necessary to offer such a degree, and is considering applying for authorization to offer it. We are thankful for these new advances and opportunities.

Name change? Since the inception of the TGCBI, the scope and vision of the school has changed dramatically. God has opened doors we never dreamed about. Now, though we're still located in Houston, and still are actively training students who plant churches in the Gulf Coast area, we now help train many others all over Latin America, through video conferencing and our online program.

So we're considering changing our name to something that more accurately reflects our mission and future. Here are some of the names already suggested by some of our supporters:

- ◆ E-scuola Biblica Internacional (E-scuola, meaning school in Spanish, emphasizing the technology);
- ◆ Latino International Bible Institute;
- ◆ World-Wide Bible Institute;
- ◆ International Bible Academy; and
- ◆ Texas International Bible Institute.

So—what ideas do you have? We'd like to hear them!

#### Little Rock Graduation

In June, the Alpha and Omega Institute, in Little Rock, Arkansas, graduated a class of four men—Rudy Rodriguez, Isaias Sarellano, Juan Reyes, and Fernando Toledo. All four are now working full or part-time in Hispanic ministry in the central United States. Please pray God will use them powerfully to bring many to him.

#### Hurricane Ike hits hard

Hurricane Ike devastated large parts of the Gulf Coast, and along the way significantly damaged numerous churches in the Houston area, including some of the TGCBI supporters. Classes and activities were disrupted for about a week for us, as a number of our students and staff were without electricity, or even evacuated and unable to return to their homes. We are now back in business, but needing to make up classes lost due to the storm. Please pray for their recovery, and that of the entire area, quickly and with the least difficulty.

#### School painted

This summer our facilities got an easy facelift as we power washed and painted the school. This building belongs to the Pasadena Iglesia de Cristo, who have leased it to us for our use for \$1 per year. This great relationship moves into its fourth year, and has blessed both the school and the church.



*Face lift!*

## Israel 2009

Our second school trip to Israel, on May 29-June 10, 2009, is looking great! We anticipate a spectacular time visiting more than 55 sites, such as the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Hezekiah's tunnel, the Mount of Olives, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Caesarea, Megiddo, the Dead Sea, Qumran, Masada, Petra, Mount Nebo, and Eilat..

We have received word of the final cost, which is \$4679. This includes airfare, 10 nights lodging in four-star hotels, all transportation in-country, certified tour guide, all entrance fees, breakfasts, dinners, fees, and tips. The only thing not included is lunch and souvenirs.

Though this is a significant amount, it is a great investment in learning more about your spiritual heritage. It will be a lifelong memory that will enrich your Bible knowledge and spiritual life.

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*Dome on Temple Mount*

In order to provide great personal attention and a wonderful group atmosphere, we are limiting the group size to 36. Twenty-three of these spots are already reserved.

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