



Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana

Apartado 901-1000
San José, Costa Rica
(506) 2283-8848
(506) 2283-6826 (Fax)
www.ubila.net

29 March 2010

NEWSLETTER

Development Office

Editorial

Our history has a Missionary beginning: founded in 1923 as a school for biblical training for young women in San Jose, Costa Rica by Susan Strachan, an Irish Anglican Missionary.



(photo: 1st students taken 1922-UBL library archives)

Shortly after its founding her husband Harry Strachan, a Scottish Presbyterian evangelist, discovered that young men in Nicaragua desiring to be trained for the ministry had no institution to which to go. He sent 10 young men to the Bible School in Costa Rica, which abruptly changed the institution from a women's school to a center for biblical pastoral training that was originally named the Biblical Institute of Costa Rica.

By 1930 the 40 students were from eleven countries: Colombia, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Bolivia, Perú, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panamá, and Costa Rica. From the beginning there was a notable denominational diversity that to the present characterizes the UBL. From our missionary roots, the UBL continues to serve Latin America for Jesus Christ.

Becky Harrell, Missionary (UMC 15141Z)
General Board of Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church



Student Scholarship Opportunities

The UMC Advance 10247B and/or the Presbyterian Church E344202 are set up so that you can participate in making it possible for students to study at the UBL. For example the cost per student for 4 Bimesters is \$4,210 U.S. dollars (tuition, visas, books and supplies, lodging, food, insurance). That does not include their travel to and from their home country, which we require each student to be responsible for.



You can help the UBL continue to make these theological studies possible for students by donating to our Scholarship Fund, either through the United Methodist Church Advance 10247B, or the Presbyterian Church E344202.



UBL Academic Staff and "Hermandad"

Representatives from many of our 14 satellite locations throughout Latin America came together with UBL Academic staff for the Assembly of Theological Education Institutes with 4 objectives.



- Discussion of materials and responsibilities of each department
- Celebration of the network of theological educational facilities and their impact for Christ.
- Participate in the UBL Educational Advisory Board
- Continuing Education in the areas of:

- ..Liberation Theology
- ..New teaching methods

Finally, a representative of CONESUP, the Costa Rican National Board of Higher Education, presented an update on many of the changes which have taken place and how the changes affect the UBL and our satellite locations.



Thanks to Paul Moore



The UBL gives thanks to Volunteer-in-Mission Paul Moore of Dallas, Texas for joining us in Mission for two weeks (Feb 27-Mar 13). Paul stayed very busy in completing painting that was greatly needed in our guest apartment for visiting professors and completing work in our recreational room for students. We pray Paul's time with us was as beneficial to him as it was to all at the UBL. Gracias Paul.

Conferences Held at UBL in March with UBL Participation



Bible Society of Costa Rica



CLAI of Costa Rica (Council of Latin American Churches Costa Rica) focus HIV-Aids

Interested in the formation of Pastors and Laity in Latin America?

Your Gift to this Mission can be made...

Through your local Presbyterian Church



And note: E344202

Or donate online at

<http://www.pcusa.org/give/online/default.jsp>

or



United Methodist Church
be sure to note:



Advance #10247B

Scholarships

Or

Advance #09139A General Programs

donate online at http://secure.gbmg-umc.org/donations/advance/donate_select_project.cfm

Individual Volunteers-in-Mission



June-July 2010

Madeline Hart-Anderson
Seminary Library

July 2010

UMC Pastor Mark Terwillger
and family

Work/Study Teams



May 8-15 2010

Primetimers of The UMC (U.S.)

June 26-July 3 2010

Louisiana Conference UMC
VIM Team

July 10-17 2010

St. Francisville UMC Louisiana
Work Team

July 30 - Aug 8 2010

FUMC Lewisville, Texas VIM
Work Team

September 9-15 2010

University of Hannover Study
Group - Germany

March 2011

Waltman Work Team Oregon

June 2011

Jarrett Workteam-Illinois

2011 (Month undecided)

Louisiana Conference UMC

**Opportunities available
at UBL**

Contact us at

becky.dap@gmail.com