



# Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana

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## NEWSLETTER

Development Office

### Editorial



From the Development Office of the Latin American Bible University, we welcome you to enter our doors through this monthly release and take a glimpse into seminary life in San Jose, Costa Rica. We will introduce you to our faculty, staff, and most importantly our students who come from all parts of Latin America, with hearts of service for the Lord.

To continue providing qualified professional faculty and scholarships for students we will also be inviting you to join us in ministry. Designated as a United Methodist Higher Education Seminary, the UBL continues to train pastors and laity in not only satellite facilities in various countries of Latin America, but also in Nashville, Tennessee where the UBL receives and educates students from the U.S. for ordination and service in Hispanic ministries.

Within this newsletter are notations of how you can be a part of this ministry with your donation, by joining a work/study team, by becoming an individual volunteer-in-mission, or by participating in our scholarship program.

Our doors are open, join us.

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



### Teams

The following teams are scheduled for the first part of 2010:

**January 2-10 Fundraising  
Travel Team to benefit  
UBL  
Construction Fund  
(married couple housing)**

**May 2010  
Primetimers of The UMC**

**May 2010  
Ingersoll's Work Team  
Of Colorado**



### Work-Teams Needed

*Volunteer in Mission Teams are needed for the following:*

Painting-student housing  
Carpentry work-study tables  
Outdoor walkways-safety issues

To donate through your local United Methodist Church be sure to note

**Latin American Bible  
University  
Advance #09139A Programs  
Through**

**The  
Presbyterian Church (USA),  
donate online at**

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

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### Women's Division United Methodist Church at UBL

Rosangela Oliveira, *Women's Division Regional Missionary* in ministry with women, youth, and children in Latin America, and Nidia Fonseca Vice President of the UBL, led the fourth annual, week long conference at the Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana (UBL) in San Jose Costa Rica, designed for women of the Latin American Methodist Churches, with a focus on leadership development through studies of Gender Relations in the Church.



Attendees came from the countries of Nicaragua, Colombia, Honduras, Uruguay, Brazil, Guatemala, El Salvador, Bolivia, and Costa Rica and represented not only local Methodist congregations, but other denominations as well. Discussed were the differences in gender that make up our societal relationships as well as how they effect our services to the Lord. Testimonies heard also gave indication to the great need for this type of conference to continue. Women sharing their personal struggles and conflicts which flow into the work of the local church was met with solidarity from other participants.

In leaving this place, guided by the Word of God, our time together truly has built up the Church as each woman carries the call for mission and the truth of Jesus Christ back to her congregation, community, and family.

## A LETTER FROM A STUDENT



*The following letter from Manuel Madé, a Pentecostal student from the Dominican Republic, is a witness to the work of the UBL:*

Peace from the Dominican Republic

I arrived safely back in my home country and am preparing to start work next week. I took this week to share with my family, after such a long absence.

It was a pleasure to share the past 5 months and 12 days with all of you. Thank you for your friendship: in each conversation, in each encounter, in each look, in each hug. I bless you in the name of Jesus.

I will never forget how special this opportunity was for me to be with each and every one of you. Individually and collectively, you taught me to reimagine the world, squared, as a rectangle, round, cylindrical, etc., but always beautiful.

I will miss you and will hold you in my memories.

Sincere embraces to all,

Manuel Made  
Dominican Republic

**You can make a difference and make it possible for another Bible university student to study the Word:**

To donate through your local United Methodist Church be sure to note:

**Advance #10247B Scholarships**



Or mail your donation direct to:  
Advance GCFA

P. O. Box 9068, GPO  
New York, NY 10087-9068

or

Through your local **Presbyterian Church (USA)**, donate online at <http://www.pcusa.org/give/online/default.jsp> And note: E344202

## Join a Work/Study Team



**Come work!  
Come study!  
You can do both!**

\*Have you considered learning Spanish? When space is available, language students are welcome to live on campus. Opportunities to sit in on Bible or theology classes can be negotiated.

\*Would you like to come for a “hands-on” volunteer experience? Individuals and groups can help out on campus or in local churches, for a week or longer.

Or, go to a center in another country!

\*Do you want to learn about Latin America and what’s going on in biblical-theological thinking? Visiting students and intensive study groups both provide interaction with UBL professors, local church leaders and other community leaders, with opportunities for learning and dialogue. While many of our resource people speak English, we provide translation, when necessary.

\*How about a “combo”? Do some volunteer work, take Spanish classes at a nearby language school, participate in classes and other activities at the UBL and in the community.

## **WELCOME to UBL**

**By Janet May**

### **Martha Hyde, Volunteer-in-Mission**

Arriving August 6th, Martha began work immediately, working half time in the library and half time piecing quilt squares for the “**Honoring wisdom, building for the future**” project. (The project is to construct married student’s housing.) She’s sewn so many quilt tops that she’s lost track of how many. Soon, we’ll have a workshop for her to teach others about filling, backing and knotting quilts comforter-style.



Martha, native of Indiana, active churchwoman and widow of a Methodist pastor, is living proof that you’re never too old to do good, explore the world and discover new experiences. Thank you, Martha, for your contribution to the ministry of the UBL.

### **Welcome Ruth!**



**Ruth Mooney, a missionary of the American Baptist Church** with many years of experience in Latin America, has joined the UBL faculty as a professor of Christian Education. In previous years she has taught the UBL’s basic course in Christian Education. Ruth has extensive experience in the development of Sunday school materials and other teaching resources. In addition to teaching responsibilities, Ruth will coordinate the publications department.