



FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

Equipping believers to walk with God, love others, and impact their world.

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Dear Pastor or Mission Committee:

This letter is written to give my full endorsement to the Ministry of Institutos Biblicos de America Central (IBAC) and to let you know how it has impacted our church. Our church has partnered with the Bible Institute ministry in Nicaragua since 2004 and we will continue our partnership into the future. We have had a tremendously positive experience working in the Bible Institute and Compassion Ministries in Nicaragua as well as experiencing many benefits within our body.

The ministry in the two locations where we have taught Bible Institutes has allowed us to develop long-term relationships with pastors and church leaders over the years that we taught there. We did not have a sense of "once and done" but we were able to eagerly anticipate going back to see familiar faces and eventually friends and partners in ministry. The material we taught has been substantive and has made a significant impact on the ministry leaders there. In both locations we found compassion ministries that allowed us to mobilize people with a variety of gifts to be a part of our teams. In addition to the teachers at the Bible Institutes we have been able to mobilize people with a heart for children, concrete workers and engineers who would not have been able to see themselves as "missionaries" if we did not have this ministry. Over 100 people from our body have been a part of the ministry there. Even though we are getting ready to move to a third location we have people who stay in country after the planned trips and visit their friends in the old locations.

Within the church we have found that ministry in Central America is accessible for many who cannot travel to other places because of the time or cost of travel. Unlike other countries where we travel, Central America allows us to arrive the same day in be in the same time zone. Our entire body gets involved by financially contributing to the support of the pastors who attend the week of teaching at the Institute. So, even if you do not go on the trip, you can support a pastor for as little as \$25.00 which pays for a week of transportation and meals at the Institute. We have also found that preparing to teach Biblical and Theological courses at the Bible Institutes has been an amazing way to train our leaders. It is one thing to learn about Christology but it is entirely different to prepare to teach it in a foreign country. Many of our teachers return to teach the same material in the church here in Conway.

Finally, working with the team from IBAC has been easy, and has resulted in many long lasting friendships. Many of the translators have made trips to the United Sates and have stayed in our homes. We consider them family and a vital part of our church.

If I can answer any others questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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