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To Whom it May Concern,

Latin American Ministries (LAM) has partnered with Institutos Biblicos de America Central (IBAC) to conduct Bible Institutes in Ocotol, Nicaragua. We do this by mobilizing teams primarily from our home church, Summit Crossing Community Church, as well as other churches in the Huntsville, Alabama area.

To date we have conducted six Bible Institutes and will conduct our seventh in February 2104. Our teams are usually comprised of four or five teachers and over the last three years seventeen individuals have participated in this mission and of these fourteen were lay people.

The curriculum is intended to provide a foundational Bible education for pastors and church leaders who have had very little or no theological training. It has proven to be well suited for the targeted audience with the added benefit of involving the teacher in in-depth study and class preparation. It is truly a win-win.

The pastors in Ocotol are highly appreciative of our efforts to help them and their churches and look forward to our return every six months. They most appreciate the long term, continued commitment of resources that our church makes to the IBAC mission and their communities. The pastors always share with us the impact that the Bible Institutes have on them personally and the people in their churches.

Everyone in our church is given the opportunity to be involved in mobilizing the teams in terms of prayer support and financial support. Another win-win.

The teams always return changed by their experience in Ocotol. They fall in love with the people they meet. They have a greater appreciation of how blessed we are in our country and what it means to equip disciple makers in a third world country and as a result they are eager to equip disciple makers in their own church and community. Another win-win.

Personally, I've been doing this with Jim Wilson and IBAC for fourteen years and the mission never grows old. The blessings and benefits to each individual, teacher and student, are enormous but the impact on Kingdom growth is the real reward by making disciples who make disciples at home and globally.

Jerry Vickers