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AN UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

[Note: the following is taken from Howard's monthly report to the Board of Directors.]

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters:

One month of 2010 has already passed, and we may all be wondering where it went. We have completed our first week of the new school year. It seems to me that we are off to a good start.

- 1- Porfirio "Pepe" Lobo Sosa is now officially the president of Honduras, and we are thankful for the peaceful transfer of power after months of anxiety. Former president Mel Zelaya was given amnesty and allowed to move to the Dominican Republic where he was received with the honors of a head of state.
- 2- Our five Cuban students are due to arrive this afternoon. We are still awaiting the arrival of a new male student from Peru. All these are included in the total enrollment of 57 resident students.
- 3- Excitement is in the air on campus, especially at the Clinic, because a VCOM brigade has arrived. Part of the group was delayed until today because of the snow and ice storm on the East Coast. The brigade has about 25 workers.
- 4- Married students among our recent student arrivals were happy last week to receive new kitchen utensils which Baxter bought for them while they are students here. Jane did the purchasing for the seven couples.
- 5- Lenin Munguia is doing an excellent job in his teaching as he awaits final word concerning his graduate studies at Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis. Carlos Abraham Carbajal of the La Vega congregation is an adjunct mathematics teacher this semester.
- 6- Las Lomas church leaders are anxious for us to transfer the congregation's property from the Association Amicus to the Las Lomas church. We are going to do all we can to make sure this happens in the very near future.



Please pray for the work we share!

-7- We have opened the discussion about enlarging the Clinic's driveway exit. This would allow Marco to enter the Clinic grounds through the Clinic gate and exit the Clinic through Baxter's main gate. He would no longer have to back the bus into the busy avenue and block traffic when leaving campus.

-8- We had visits recently from Tom Poteet and Vaughn Sullivan of the Memorial Road and Del City, Oklahoma churches, respectively, and from about six or seven brothers connected to TORCH.

-9- The Lord willing, Jane and I will arrive in Arkansas Thursday, February 4, for fundraising and three speaking opportunities: Freed Hardeman University's Sunday night lecture, Affirming the Faith Seminar in Oklahoma City, and the West Side Church of Christ in Norman, OK. We are still working on the itinerary. The best way to reach us in Searcy is at 501.305.1305 or by cell phone at 501.278.6586.

--- Grace and peace to all of you,

Howard Norton

From the Chairman....

The last half of 2009 was an eventful and memorable time in the mission we share in Honduras. With those challenges now behind us, we anticipate 2010. We are grateful for all who participate in the work in various ways, and remind you that we are currently scheduling groups for 2010.

All but two board members were able to attend the December board meeting and graduation. We are all encouraged by the addition of Dr. Bob Stephens to the board. Bob, from Vienna, WV, previously served as President of Ohio Valley University and now chairs a non-profit foundation. At the meeting, the board approved the construction a president's house on campus. In the past two months, we have raised about 60% of the funds needed. If you or your congregation would like to help with this project, you may send funds to Westover Hills Church of Christ at the address in the header, and mark your check for this project.

Howard has begun his work ambitiously. New initiatives and learning opportunities will be announced throughout this year. The strategic planning initiative which was begun in 2009 will be completed, providing a renewed vision, mission, and strategic plan.

The 25% increase in student count is welcome news, but more students require more funds. If you already support our work, thank you! If you are not yet involved with the work, please consider supporting this important effort as we prepare ministers to take the gospel into all of Latin America. More information is available on the website at www.baxterinstitute.edu.
--Bob Young

