

Dear Friend,

In Paul's short letter to Titus, Paul seems to be emphatically communicating to Titus that he wants him to teach the believers who were living on Crete. Paul is quite explicit in Titus 2 regarding who to teach what and why.

Over the years as missionaries in both Bolivia and in Guatemala, we had the privilege of being able to implement Bible education and leadership training programs where men and women received a minimum of two years of Bible courses totaling up to 1,200 hours of classroom time. We were blessed when we arrived in Guatemala to find Hector Pivaral already in place – ready for someone to help him teach rural church leaders biblical truths in the context of their communities.



*Patty and Hector with Carissa,
Aaron, and Benjamin.*

In Hector and Patty's most recent prayer letter – which we received on February 22, 2006, they write:

Last year while Hector was working on his thesis, the Bible Education Program (PEB) was put on hold. But, this year we've already begun strongly. On February 7, Hector began a program in Lanquin, Alta Verapaz. There are only 4 evangelical churches in this town. The pastors in Lanquin have showed a desire to develop leaders and one of them is going to go through the program himself. After asking about the students' wives, they told us that some of them are not believers in Christ. Sula Crabb and I (Patty) will be in charge of the women's training and the first job at hand will be to lead these women to Christ so that they will be able to support their husbands in the ministry. Many times the marriage of believers to unbelievers occurs because of the arranged marriages among the indigenous people here. And the women are given to men when they are very young. We ask for your prayers as we lead the women and for God to use Hector for His glory. Please pray for Carlos, Allan, Manuel, Abelino, Eduardo, José, Santos, Ezequiel, Estuardo y Alberto. Also pray for their wives.

In March, Hector will visit the Jalapa area in the eastern part of Guatemala. The purpose is to investigate the possibility of beginning another PEB there. In April, another PEB will begin in the Chuj area of Huehuetenango in the north-western part of Guatemala. We ask your prayers so that God will provide the necessary funds for these programs. We already thank God that the funds for the Chuj PEB have already been received and that most of that money was received from another organization. Please pray for the rest of the funds for the other programs.

We would like to pass this prayer request on to you so that you can make it a matter of prayer whether or not you will join in to help with covering the costs of the Lanquin PEB. If you do want to help, please send your gift to OC here in Colorado Springs with a note saying that you would like the gift to be used for PEB in Guatemala. Thank you. Please also pray for Hector, Patty, and their family. Hector needs help to administrate each PEB. Because of his abilities and now having completed his master's degree studies, Hector is being pulled in all directions – from teaching at the Bible seminary (SETECA) in Guatemala City to helping Patty with her effective missionary development program (MIES) and to whatever. Thank you again for your commitment to partner with us through your prayers and through your support.

Sincerely, in Christ,