

Dear Friend,

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving Day, we have much to be thankful for. We are especially thankful for you. Your partnership with us through your prayers, support, and friendship has allowed us the blessing of seeing a Bible-trained pool of men and women now serving as church leaders in Bolivia and Guatemala.

Last month, we told you about the graduation of 10 men from the San Pedro Bible Education Program (PEB). Last month, the Campur PEB had its graduation. We would like to share excerpts from an e-mail letter that we recently received from Hector and Patty.

In their e-mail, Hector reminisced about his and Patty's first time in Campur teaching a PEB module. I had gone with Hector and Patty to Campur. On our way to Campur, we met up with Rigoberto Perez in Coban. Rigoberto (Rigo) is a Xalbal PEB graduate. Rigo went with us to encourage the men who would begin studying in the Campur PEB.



*Patty and Hector
Pivaral, Aaron, Carissa,
and Benjamin*

Hector wrote about his memories of the first module that he taught in Campur this way, **"This group of pastors and leaders in Campur were very special to me because each afternoon we would finish the class, and they would remain seated and would say to me, 'Brother Hector, teach us a little more.' They were hungry and thirsty for the Word of God."**

Campur is located in an inhospitable place in Guatemala. For miles, the area around Campur is pockmarked with deep bowl-like depressions that are hundreds of feet deep. The rock strewn landscape is never level. Somewhere around 30,000 people live in the Campur region. There are very few churches in this formidable area.

Campur had a reputation for lynchings. A lynching in Guatemala is to first beat-up someone, and then to burn that person to death. A sad thing about some of the lynchings is that decent, honest men have died because of vendettas and mob reactions. Earlier this year, two of Rigo's brothers were lynched in Xalbal. Hector wrote in his e-mail letter Rigo's response to what happened to his brothers, **"Thanks be to God that he continued onward keeping up a new church in another town in Ixcán always speaking of the precious love of God that forgives, saves and transforms lives for His glory."** A couple of years ago, Rigo was Xalbal's mayor. He was very respected in that position.

Since almost from the inception of the PEB in Campur, Hector writes further in his e-mail letter, **"Since then, there have been no more lynchings in Campur, and Lord willing, there never will be again."**

PEB has made a difference in Guatemala. We would like to ask for your prayers regarding the need for funding so that there would be more PEBs implemented in Guatemala and in other countries. The Rengo, Chile, PEB had to be suspended halfway through because of a lack of funds.

You have not just given us gifts through your support and prayers, you have given men and women in Guatemala a gift as well—to be adequately trained to share their faith with others so that other men and women in Guatemala can also receive the gift of hope in Jesus Christ. This past summer, a Campur PEB student, Rogelio, baptized 80 people who had begun to attend his church in his community. Rogelio's community is located, walking a treacherous trail, about an hour and a half from Campur.

Thank you for caring! God bless you.

Sincerely, in Christ,