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ABOUT US

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THE BONHAM LINE



30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles below for more details)

- We have recently begun helping at a local school who is trying to reform their methodology and vision to become a truly Christian school.
- Seminario Bíblico Reformado (SBR) just began its 6th module and welcomed a new extension! Our extensions continue in Peru, Venezuela, and Spain with almost 200 students. Nate is currently teaching a class on The Prophets.
- Nate and Nikki have both had new teaching opportunities through churches connected to SBR, as well as the Thursday night Women's Bible Study.
- In order to maintain the ministry of SBR, aid in local church planting and growth, and serve the MTW missionaries of South America, our family needs to raise \$1,250 per month. Consider pledging!

Turning the Ship

We were recently approached by a local school here in Arequipa who asked if they could consult with us about their overall vision. The head of the school is a student at SBR, and several of the administrators and teachers attend the Women's Bible Study that Nikki teaches on Thursday evenings.

At our meeting, the directors confessed that although the school is technically considered a "Christian" school in name, they had come to realize that they weren't truly Christian. Beyond the inclusion of a regular school-wide devotional as part of their weekly curriculum, they are indistinguishable from any other school in the city. They wanted to make changes and become

Christian in more than just their name, but they had no idea where to begin or what a truly Christian school would look like. Could we help?



Nate teaching a Christian Ed Course



While they recognize that this is a monumental task and that turning a ship this size can't be accomplished in a single school year, they are motivated to do the hard work of learning about Christian Education, training their staff and teachers, and implementing a new vision and methodology that includes true biblical discipleship. We are excited to offer some training courses about Christian Education and Worldview for their staff members. Nate began a series called "The Heart of Christian Education" to introduce their teachers to the idea of an education that doesn't just aim for the head, but for the heart and hands as well. In addition to this weekly series, the school has asked for help in introducing these concepts to their parents and for additional training for their teachers. We are thankful to be a part of this exciting change! Please pray for these teachers, administrators, and students as they try to "turn the ship."

"New Strengths" and Biblical Manhood

Over the past month, both of us have had some additional teaching opportunities pop up, and we've been excited for the chance to share about Jesus in these new contexts.

At the beginning of March, Nikki was invited to speak at a Women's Conference at a local church in honor of International Day of the Woman. The theme was "Nuevas Fuerzas," or "New Strengths," so she taught



Nikki teaching at a women's conference in Arequipa for International Day of the Woman

about what it means to abide in Christ as our only true source of new strength in the middle of the every day.

Later in the month, Nate was invited to speak at the launch of a new Men's Ministry program at another local church. He taught about what true Biblical Manhood looks like in Christ in contrast to what the culture tells us it should be. Please pray for this new Men's Ministry as they try to disciple the men in their congregation and combat the "machismo" culture that is so prevalent here.

Nate was also invited to teach an introduction to Romans for a bible study group at yet another local church. They want to jump into studying theology together in a deeper way and asked Nate to help get them off on the right foot as they begin their Romans study together. Nate taught an introduction and overview of the book to help orient them towards studying in a more detailed way. Please pray for this group of believers who are yearning to begin digging in to the Word at a deeper level!

A New Extension for SBR

This month we launched a new extension campus in Venezuela! This is our 2nd extension in Venezuela and 4th overall, and we are excited to see the way the Lord is raising up men and women who long to study the Word and minister to their neighbors in the middle of such a catastrophic situation in their nation. We are working with a pastor named Alessandro who is guiding a group of about 40 students through our program. Please pray for this group of students as they study in the midst of the many obstacles they face on a daily basis.



Students in Venezuela taking a comprehension quiz after their very first SBR class!

FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE

To sustain our current international ministry and local ministry, we need to raise \$1,600 per month. Please consider making a monthly pledge towards our goal. Pledges may be made at: Give.TheBonhamLine.org.

