

The reality for pastors around the world today is one wherein bi-vocational pastoring is the norm. This is not right or wrong; it is just the reality. There are many difficulties faced by bi-vocational pastors and the emerging church leader:

1) time management—in that they often have two full time jobs

2) isolationism from other ministers

3) finding the means to study and grow in a formal environment

These issues are very much the reality of those who have been called to lead churches in the greater San Jose metropolitan area of Costa Rica.

**With our local church, Iglesia Bautista Impacto Vida Nueva (Impact New Life Baptist Church), we are partnering with Institutos Bíblicos de América Central (IBAC /Biblical Institutes of Central America)**. IBAC is a ministry established by Dr. Jim Wilson (Th.M.; D.Min., Dallas Theological Seminary). In 2018, we would like to invite you into a partnership with the purpose of mobilizing the local church and equipping leaders in San Jose metropolitan area of Costa Rica.

**DESCRIPTIVE OVERVIEW OF THE MINISTRY OF IBAC**

The ministry of IBAC is an opportunity to equip pastors and church leaders in Central America through a long-term commitment and relationship and to provide biblical, theological, and pastoral training to Central American pastors/leaders who are in desperate need of such training, but who have little access to it.

Our goal for 2018 is to involve over 40 pastors and church workers in the greater San Jose metropolitan area of Costa Rica through IBAC training. We are planning to offer 14 courses on biblical, theological, and pastoral training. Each course will be taught in a one-week module. We are planning 3 courses this year during the weeks of February 5, June 25, and October 1.

We have financial sponsors for the weeks of June 5and October 1. We need sponsors for the week of February 5, and we need to raise $4,294.52 to cover the cost for that week’s training.

**IBAC COURSES**

1. TO TRUST AND OBEY: RELIABILITY AND AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE
2. READING THE BIBLE FOR UNDERSTANDING AND IMPACT
3. BIBLE STUDY METHODS AND PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION
4. OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW
5. NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW
6. THE DOCTRINE OF GOD
7. THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST
8. THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
9. THE DOCTRINE OF MAN and SIN
10. THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION
11. PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING
12. PREPARING BIBLICAL MESSAGES
13. ECCLESIOLOGY AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY
14. CHURCH HISTORY

In addition to these courses, our goals for this next year is to establish a pastoral fellowship and encourage the local church to think missional in responding to the Great Commission.