

Membership Nations

Belize
 Costa Rica
 Dominican Republic
 El Salvador
 Guatemala
 Haiti
 Honduras
 Jamaica
 Nicaragua
 Puerto Rico
 Surinam

In Process: Panama, Trinidad, Martinique

CAC Region



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CAC Bible School Facts...

23 Nations or Island groups

- 12 are GATS Nations
- 2 are in Process to be GATS
(Trinidad/Tobago and Windward Islands)
- 3 have Bible Schools but are not a part of GATS
(Cuba, Mexico & Guyana)
- 6 nations have no Bible School
(Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Curacao, French Guiana, Leeward Islands and Turks and Caicos)
- *We are working with Turks and Caicos**

83 Bible Schools in 17 nations

- 64 are GATS Schools
- 6 are in process to be GATS
(Trinidad/Tobago 4 and Windward Islands 2)
- 13 are none GATS schools
(Mexico 9, Cuba 1, Guyana 3)

In 2015 in CAC
2519 Students
269 Graduates
83 Bible Schools

El Salvador Dedicated Beautiful Bible School Facilities

The Bible School Program in El Salvador is experiencing great growth and development!

Beautiful new Bible School facilities were dedicated in the heart of San Salvador, El Salvador in 2015. Missionary Ken Burgess was instrumental in realizing this dream. During this past year they have had 315 students studying in 9 locations around the nation. There are 90 teachers of which 75 attended the GATS seminar in Guatemala this past year. Their goal is to expand to 37 locations in 2016 with an enrollment of over 700 students! We are working with them to raise money to furnish the new facilities.



Directors



Chapel



Over 400 teachers from 12 Nations trained in Faculty Development Seminars

Training

Training Teachers enables us to impact the local Bible Schools on every level! Excellence begins with the teacher!



Seminar in Nicaragua



The Faculty Development Program has proven to be one of the strengths of GATS. It is not only one of the most successful ways to present GATS to non membership nations, but it is transforming teachers in every nation. These seminars have become a highlight of the year for our teachers, and every year they return to their Bible Schools changed and equipped for excellence in teaching.



Seminar in Costa Rica



Bro. R. Buie (AGE) & Bro N. Sisco (Africa) teaching in CAC

“Faculty Development is enabling the teachers of our Bible Schools to grow and to teach with the excellence and effectiveness that they have long desired.”



GATS Workshop in Puerto Rico



The Panamanian Bible School

This past year there were 44 students and 10 graduates in the Bible School in Panama. We held the second GATS Training seminar in November. In 2016 they will begin to open extension programs throughout the country and they have set in motion a program called ‘Hands on the Plow’ to involve the students and graduates in ministry.

What are the leaders saying...

- Henry Ritchie (Martinique) 'Our Teachers enjoyed every minute of the Seminar. It was excellent! They are wanting to be better teachers because of the seminar. Personally I see the need for GATS.'
- Juan Carlos Garcia (President UPC Honduras) 'GATS has awakened an enthusiasm in our nation for training. The seminars have made our teachers more effective and dynamic.'
- Ron and Terry Brian (Haiti) 'GATS has been a tremendous blessing. With every Training Seminar we are seeing growth and progress in the Bible School. I only wish GATS had been started 30 years ago! GATS has given consistency to the Bible School.'
- El Salvador Leadership: 'GATS has been a fortress of inspiration for our training program. It has raised our level of education. GATS has caused our teachers to be better prepared and the seminars are invaluable. The results of the seminars has been excellence in teaching, motivation to train and a greater response from our students. This past year no students dropped out of classes and none had a failing grade!



Seminar with Teachers and potential teachers in Costa Rica



Regional Bible School News

Costa Rica

This past year there were 167 students enrolled in the Costa Rica Bible School. Eighteen teachers served as instructors, of which 15 are now GATS certified.

We held a special GATS seminar for the work in Costa Rica which was tailor-made to meet some of their specific needs. All of their teachers, plus 38 others interested in being teachers were present.

The last night, we held a special service for teachers and students. 12 ministers stood and said they are in the ministry today as a direct result of GATS. Seven couples came forward to present themselves for full time ministry! They now have over 100 ministers.

Puerto Rico

There were 61 students enrolled in 5 locations throughout the island. There are now 20 teachers and new men and women are entering the ministry as a direct result of GATS.

Honduras

In 2015 there were 32 students enrolled in 2 Bible School locations. The first GATS graduation had 10 graduates. It is exciting that in 2016 there will be 6 extensions with a projected enrollment of 100 students.



Where we are Going...

- * GATS Faculty Development Seminars will continue to be held for the teachers of all the Central American Nations as well as the island nations of Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Martinique.
- * Target nations for first GATS Seminars for 2016 are Jamaica, Trinidad and the French islands under Bro Ritchie.
- * Target nations for GATS membership are the French Islands under Bro. Ritchie, Trinidad and to complete the application process for Panama.
- * Cultivate and open door for GATS in Mexico

I will continue to work as Coordinator of GATS Translations. My main goal is to recruit new translators.

Guatemala continues to set the pace

The Institute of Pentecostal Ministries of Guatemala continues to grow and set an example of the impact a strong training program can have on a Nation.

If a student cannot come to the Bible School, than let's take the Bible School to the student! We firmly believe in making training available to every worker that wants to reach their full ministerial potential.

The Bible School ended 2015 with 605 students being trained in 24 locations around the nation. But we are starting 2016 with classes offered in 28 places with an enrollment of over 700 students. Our goal is to have 1000 students trained yearly in 30 locations.

The results are seen in 26 new ministers and 15 new churches in 2015.



First year students in Night Class Program in Guatemala City.

Haiti

In 2015, classes were offered in three locations with over 70 students. GATS has allowed the Bible School to be registered with the government and opened the doors for graduates to be officially recognized as ministers. Thanks to GATS, there are new teachers and more classes are offered.

Spanish Summit

The Spanish Summit will be held in April 2016 in Guatemala City.

This is a great opportunity to promote GATS with the leaders of the Spanish speaking nations.

We plan to provide a thumb drive with GATS Training Materials, give each leader promotional material and promote Faculty Development Seminars.

Nicaragua: First GATS Graduation

Bro. James Poitras preached the first GATS Graduation in the nation of Nicaragua. Forty Six teachers attended special classes to upgrade their past studies to Associate Degree level of GATS. Thirty one students comprised the first class of graduates from the full time GATS program at the Nicaraguan Bible School!

