



Saying that the year 2019-2020 has been difficult is a gross understatement. Like everyone, we have been severely affected by the global pandemic. Early in the year, one of our female students was infected with the virus, was admitted to the hospital in Cd. Acuña, and within four days passed to be with the Lord. Besides her case, several other students and faculty members have also been infected over the ensuing months. The fact that most of them work in factories makes it exceedingly difficult for them to avoid getting infected. In addition to all of this, the Mexican government has also banned religious groups from meeting, which directly affects our ministry. Fortunately, we have successfully been able to continue despite the restrictions by livestreaming all our classes over the internet.

Despite the obvious difficulties, this year surprisingly marked an increase in first-year students for the *Central Baptist Seminary*. A total of 32 students from Mexico, the USA, Belize, and Honduras are currently taking classes from our institution. I have always taught classes in Spanish. However, for the past several years, I have also had to teach classes for our Spanish speaking students as well as in English for our students in Belize. This year, we are honored that Bro. John Bryant agreed to take on that responsibility from me and now teaches our English-speaking Belizean students for two hours each week. I am in constant communication with our Belizean students, and they are thrilled to have Bro. John as their teacher.

Like most of you, we are not yet accustomed to the “new normal” and are learning as we go. For many years, we have had our President’s Lectures. Unfortunately, due to the current government restrictions and the resulting logistic decisions that needed to be made, we have opted to hold our lectures virtually this year.

The Christmas Season is fast approaching, and we would like to remind you to pray about sending an offering designated towards our students for Christmas. This year has been especially difficult for most of them, and your generosity would make a huge difference for them and their families.

*Calvary Baptist Church* and the *Central Baptist Seminary* want to thank all the churches that have faithfully partnered with us throughout the years. We want you to know that, if God allow it, we will continue to prepare men and women to better serve our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

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