

THE HARDEST PART OF OUR WORK

Several years ago, I wrote an article titled “Wearing many hats”, in which I mentioned many of the tasks a missionary does to accomplish the mission he gladly accepted to do. In a similar fashion, the title “Director” of the Spanish Bible School carries both overall accountability as well as generally working in whatever task is needed to help make progress. Since the Spanish Bible School is in its early growth stages, no job is too small, from translation to graphic design and even the hardest of tasks, fundraising. Lord willing, some day each major task will be filled by faithful Spanish-speaking brethren, but at this point we need to work and plan so that the church has what she needs to reach the world. Although the Spanish School serves in conjunction with World Video Bible School, its funding is specifically raised from the generosity of congregations and individuals wanting to help the growth of freely available Spanish resources for the Lord’s church. It is never easy to ask for money, but, like everyone, there are bills to pay and needs to cover. The cost of living in Texas is higher than in Panama. Our move was not because it would be nice to be here, but because it was necessary to get the work done in a more expedited way.

A good friend, mentor, and faithful Christian, Garland Elkins, who used to raise funds, also used to say that people would read on his tombstone “*And the beggar died!*” Dear brethren, most missionaries do not like to ask for support, nor be thought of as beggars, but we do it because it is needed. We are glad to report that the study notes for our course on I Corinthians are ready, and recordings will start very soon. Our Spanish programs on Biblical Organization, Evangelism Simplified, and Creation Questions are all available through our topical website, www.buscandolaverdad.org

Dear brethren, we know this is usually the time when congregations meet to discuss budgeting and planning for the coming year, and we kindly ask you to consider this work of the Lord in those meetings. We certainly love your encouraging words and messages. Please keep us in your prayers too. We will be more than happy to deliver a lesson, sermon, and presentation about this work of the Lord if you would like us to visit your congregation, whether in person or virtually.

This work is not easy to do, but we rejoice in knowing the blessing it is to everyone who gets to learn the truth, obey the Gospel, be edified, and learn how to be a servant of our Lord because of the work that we, as a team, do together for the Lord in reaching them with the powerful and merciful message of salvation.

May God bless you and your family richly today and always!

To Him be the glory!

Our series on **Evangelism Simplified** is now available at www.buscandolaverdad.org.