"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also"

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A JOYFUL KIND OF TIRED

While our newsletters typically focus on recent achievements and student feedback, this month we want to share a special milestone for those involved in the work of *Escuela Bíblica en Línea*.

There are many ways to feel tired in life—but being "PTP tired" is a category of its own. Many experienced it this July in Branson, MO, and many more will soon in Sevierville, TN. We thank God—and the PTP directors—for making the long-awaited dream of an official Spanish track at Polishing the Pulpit a reality. It was a great responsibility, but after being there and receiving so much encouraging feedback, we rejoice.

From the start, it was clear something special was unfolding. The joy, unity, and spiritual growth left a deep impression. Attendees described the event as enriching, refreshing, and uplifting. Spanish-speaking brethren were able to study, worship, and fellowship in their own language—within such a major event—and it made a world of difference. Many discovered the resources of Escuela Bíblica en Línea and took materials home to bless others in their communities. The sessions weren't just informative—they were transformative.

One brother called it "a powerful opportunity for personal and spiritual growth." A sister added,

"I am learning Spanish and loved connecting with our Hispanic brethren. Their deep study and commitment encouraged me. I know they're helping the Church grow in their communities."

Like her, many non-Spanish speakers attended these sessions, drawn by a desire to connect. Their presence reminded us that, beyond language and culture, we are one body in Christ. Many were first-time attendees—and even first-time speakers—grateful to be part of something so meaningful. Fellowship flourished, friendships formed, and a strong spiritual bond united us all.

For my wife and I, this milestone required time, effort, and sacrifice—but it resulted in a joyful kind of tired. Whether or not the Spanish track returns next year, we remain hopeful. When God opens doors like these, it's hard not to dream again. Many visited our booth, discovered our work, shared kind words, and affirmed the value of this mission. A few supporters even shared how much they love receiving our newsletters.

This work could not continue without God, nor without your support. Thank you for helping us glorify Him, edify our brethren, and reach the lost.

Tired? Maybe. But our hearts are full of joy, and our eyes are fixed on heaven—where we'll never have to say "see you soon." To learn more about this work of the Lord, please visit spanishbibleschool.org. If you'd like to help us continue bringing sound teaching to the Spanish-speaking world, you can donate online or contact us directly.

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

To Him be the glory!