

## A General Overview of ASELSI 2008

John and Sharon Harvey are the founders and directors of ASELSI Ministries. They have been in Guatemala for 16 years. ASELSI is an acronym for our Guatemalan non-profit ministry. It stands for the Association of Equipping the Saints, International. This is the general thrust of our work – equipping the national leaders for the work of service through our various programs.

We have 13 full-time national workers, 12 part-time national clinic workers and teachers, 4 volunteer Guatemalan doctors who work with us once a month, 8 national regional coordinators over IBEX, 4 missionary families and 2 single missionary nurses.

ILIO: our Leadership Training Institute:

There are 17 students in the High School Program.

There are 15 students in our College-level Associate Degree Program.

There is a lot of enthusiasm among the students. They have seen intensive growth in their personal lives and ministries as they apply the truths learned from the ASELSI courses. Our evangelism courses have seen a total of 1,674 people evangelized, 20 rededicated their lives to the Lord and 68 accepted the Lord!

IBEX: our extension centers throughout Guatemala, Ecuador and Mexico and USA.

There are eight regions with 21 extensions in the four countries.

There are 248 students in the Basic level. These students normally have little classroom experience with perhaps a third grade elementary education.

There are 99 students in our High School level. These students normally have graduated from our basic level and are continuing with their education.

There are a total of 347 students studying with ASELSI in our extension programs.

Mike McComb has taken over as International Director of the Extensions. In a very short time he has reorganized IBEX, tripled the number of students, and made the program self sustaining.

Conferences 2008:

In our November Conference, we had the privilege of having “Freedom Ministries” from Gateway Church, Dallas Texas minister to the students. There were over 300 pastors, leaders and our ASELSI staff attending. There were wonderful times of Spiritual healing and ministry.

Groups from the UNITED STATES:

We had twenty two groups in 2008. This includes two medical groups, a physical therapy group, a Canadian nursing group, a group that gave away wheel chairs, ten evangelistic groups, four teaching groups, a construction group, a Christmas party group, and a conference group. We direct each team’s efforts towards our students and their villages and churches/ministries and needy families from our clinic programs.

We have seen new vision to transform and impact communities from the teams. We praise God for each team and for the amazing results we have seen because of their sacrifice.

Navigator Discipleship Program:

Miguel Angel Guarcas, a graduate from our ILIO Institute, is Director of this program which has eight centers of discipleship as well as 132 disciples.

Through this program, we have seen marriages healed, women learn to read the Word, men set on fire for God!

The Christmas Party: On December 4<sup>th</sup>, we had some 1,900 children and their parents come to ASELSI to see puppets, clowns, receive gifts and hear the gospel story. It was rewarding to see 30 people accept the Lord Jesus Christ. We had over 100 come for prayer. Then there were the smiles on the children's faces as they received their gifts. You should know that many of these children never receive gifts. Some don't even know their birthdates because they were born at home.

Medical Clinic Programs:

- General consults
- Laboratory Exams
- Prenatal Care
- Chronic Care: diabetes, hypertension, epilepsy...
- Milk Program
- Newborn exams
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Physical therapy
- Orthopedics

There is so much evangelism, ministry, and miracles that happen every week in the clinic. There were over 6, 622 people that received help through these programs in 2008. Most of these programs don't exist in this area with over a million people.

Finances:

Over the course of 2008 we saw a new trend in giving. We now have givers giving to specific programs. This is good for our construction and programs, but has not helped general giving for salaries and normal monthly costs. Seventy three percent of giving was for specific programs. Twenty seven percent was for our general use. With growth in every area of the ministry as noted above, we have more financial needs than ever.