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**“ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO TALK THAT LONG TO A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT SEXUAL EDUCATION AND THE BIBLE?”** I asked Gaby, one of the ladies at church who is also a teacher at a public school. “Oh yes, Pastor! I already got permission from the administration for you to come and teach all day, from 8:30 until 3:00 in the afternoon!” Well it wasn’t quite what I expected. I was informed that I would have a group the entire day, but when I got to the school the administration changed the schedule and decided that it would be best to have every group from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade spend an hour with me as I talked about Sex Education and the Bible. Though there were some atheists in some of the groups, I still gave God’s perfect design not only for marriage but also for eternal life through Christ. My email address was on the board if they desired more information. By the end of the day I had spoken to around 400 high school students. Many came up to me and thanked me. Even after school was over some came seeking me out to ask further questions. My voice was pretty much gone but my heart was full. The administration wants to have me back to give more classes in different areas of the Bible, so I will wait for another invitation. I would like to get into other schools to teach the same information if the Lord allows.

The last few months God has given me the opportunity to preach and assist in a relatively new church plant. A good friend Jorge, who was a member at our previous two church plants, asked if I would come and help with a church plant in which he had been assisting. It was started by a missionary from Honduras. The missionary abruptly left to go back to Honduras and now the people, around 80 members, are without a pastor. Jorge asked if I would be willing to take over the work, but I told him that the church is now at a point where it needs a pastor, not a missionary. I really didn’t want to see the church fall apart so I offered to preach there a couple times a month on Sunday morning until we could help them find a pastor, which is not an easy task for a conservative fundamental church.

We are soon to start classes in our new Bible Institute. I have been talking to some of the Conservative Independent pastors in our city and they are excited to see a Bible Institute begin here. Though I started one here 20 years ago, they have not had anyone graduate and go into the ministry for quite a while. Some have come to learn more about the Bible, but I have already told the pastors that our emphasis will be fulltime Christian ministry.



I have also been teaching on soul-winning and have been taking some guys out with me on Saturdays to pass out tracts and talk to people.

Continue to pray that God would be glorified here and that He would see fit to use us.

Thank you all for your prayers and all that you give for this ministry! May God truly bless you!

In His Name,

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*“I have set thee to be a light . . . unto the ends of the earth.” Acts 13:47*

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