

# THE LANGUAGE of the Gospel

## REACHING HISPANICS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

Danny and Michelle Jones need no introduction to most of us. They are both veteran and respected missionaries, and also, children of faithful missionaries. We live in interesting times in the work of missions. Today, there are large populations of recently immigrated foreign cultures in every large city in our country. No doubt, the door is open. Souls in the USA are just as precious to our Lord as those across the border. Soul-Winning and Church Planting efforts to these populations should be an important part of both our church ministries and our missions outreach. Please pray for Danny and Michelle as they faithfully labor for Christ on our behalf in the southern Texas border region.

*For a great door and effectual is opened...* 1 Corinthians 16:9



John Peebles,  
IBFI Mission Director

“Hermano Jones, how are you? ¿Dónde está la Mrs.? Y tu car, ¿dónde la parqueaste?” These are typical phrases I hear while out on visitation. That is what we call in English “Tex-Mex.” In English that would be, “Bro. Jones, how are you? Where is the Mrs.? And your car, where did you park it?” In Spanish it would be, “Hermano Jones, ¿cómo estás? ¿Dónde está la Hermana? Y tu carro, ¿dónde la estacionaste?”

According to a linguistic expert I met here, there are three languages spoken in the Rio Grande Valley: Spanish followed by Tex-Mex and then English. Yes, there are some from China, India, and other nations, but, 85% of the population is Hispanic. If you only know Spanish you can get along fine. If you only know English, in many areas you will need an interpreter. If you know both languages, you will understand the “Tex-Mex” once you get the hang of the words that are of English origin and just “Hispanicized.”

The Hispanic population in the U.S. is the largest minority, with some calculating that the population of Hispanics in the U.S. is as large as 60 million! I really believe that the Lord has brought the mission field to us here in the U.S., and instead of bemoaning the great influx of “foreigners” in our country, I feel that we should try to win them to the Lord. That is what Arturo Quiñones, a graduate of our institute, is doing in Oklahoma, where he wins them to the Lord, baptizes them, and teaches them. When those that are illegal realize they are here without God’s blessing, they go back, but not as they came. Now they are saved and many go as missionaries starting works in Mexico just as Arturo has started several works in the Tulsa area. Others reaching the

Hispanics for the Lord in the U.S. are Javier Garza, my son-in-law in Fort Worth, and Chuy Lozano in the Hispanic Bronx in New York City. These are men we trained who are reaching a population that needs the Lord.

Since the Lord has brought us here, we have seen many types of ministries amongst the Hispanics. There are some Hispanic churches that are bilingual. Some speak Spanish only, and some are Hispanic in culture but are English speaking. Most are reaching the lost in a prejudiced view of spreading the gospel, that of reaching Hispanics exclusively. We saw that trend in Monterrey as well, and from the beginning we taught an “all nations and all languages and all people” type of outreach in Bethesda Fundamental Baptist Church. Today they support 90 missionaries in 30 different countries!



Hispanics in the US are a little different than when they lived in their native countries. Their god is the “dollar,” and they are generally “workaholics.” They did without for so long, that now they only want to get more and more. Pray that we can get them out of the “American dream” and into the “heavenly reality” that what one possesses is not the most important thing in life, but it is knowing Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Our vision is to establish a church in every major city of the Rio Grande Valley, which in turn will reach out to the population as a whole and send missionaries around the world. Can the Lord do that? Yes, we believe He can if we are willing to do what He wants us to do. When God said, “Go ye into all the world” (Mark 16:15), I believe He also meant the 60 million Hispanics that live in the U.S. We shall continue to go back to Monterrey as the Lord permits, and at the same time will be busy reaching a new people that we love and have a burden to reach for Christ. Pray that God will supply a place for our growing ministry (we had 75 on Father’s day with 15 fathers and 25 men in the congregation, not counting the youth!) The devil is fighting. Some think that reaching out to the Hispanics is a waste of time, that they are not really a mission field. Some have stopped supporting us because of a distance of 140 miles (that is how far inland we lived before, and today we live 10 miles from the border). Keep us in your prayers as we try to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a third language.

– By Daniel Jones, IBFI Missionary

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	11:00 A.M.	Mark Bonam	Victory Baptist Church	Hondo, TX
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Wed.	9:00 A.M.	Charles Wetherbee	Victory Baptist Church	Weatherford, TX
	10:00 A.M.	The President's Hour, Mark Brown	Maranatha Baptist Church	Columbus, OH
	11:00 A.M.	<i>General Assembly/Special Offering/Business Session</i>		
Thurs.	7:00 P.M.	Randy Cotton	Trinity Baptist Church	Big Spring, TX
	9:00 A.M.	Missionary Presentation	Worth Baptist Church	Ft. Worth, TX
	10:00 A.M.	Raymond Barber, Pastor Emeritus		
Thurs.	9:00 A.M.	Bill Stewart	Pensacola Baptist Temple	Pensacola, FL
	10:00 A.M.	Chris Boatman	High Plains Baptist Church	Clovis, NM
	11:00 A.M.	Raymond Castro	Hickory Creek Baptist Church	Denton, TX

## DISCOVERING THE SECRET OF THE LORD

*Dr. Raymond W. Barber*



*“Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. For the froward is abomination to the Lord: but his secret is with the righteous. The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools” (Proverbs 3:31-35).*

This passage begins with the plain declaration that believers should not envy “the oppressor,” that is, “a man of violence.” Rather than emulate the wicked, we are to pattern our lives after the righteous.

In Psalm 37:1, the psalmist is clear and concise:

*“Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.”*

The “froward,” or proud in heart, are abominable in the sight of God and are wicked. These the Lord resisteth (1 Peter 5:5). On the other hand, “His secret is with the righteous” (Verse 32).

### THE HOUSE OF THE WICKED

In verse 33, the wise man makes it clear that “the house of the wicked” is under the curse of the Lord. Furthermore, his house shall be consumed (Zechariah 5:4). Conversely, those who know the secret of the Lord shall be continually blessed. There is a written guarantee in Proverbs 12:7 that “the house of the righteous shall stand.” Not so the house of the wicked that is void of God’s secret. God frowns upon the wicked and smiles upon the righteous.

### A STUDY IN CONTRASTS: SCORNERS VERSUS THE LOWLY IN HEART

God scorns the scorners but gives grace to the lowly. According to Proverbs 19:29, “Judgments are prepared for the scorners...” He is wise who sees as God sees, approves what God approves, and counts as God counts.

Note the contrast: Fools (scorners) shall come to shame (verse 35), while the lowly (humble in heart) shall be exalted (1 Peter 5:6). Only as the fool turns by faith to God and receives Christ as Savior will he know the joy of God’s approval.

### PRACTICAL APPLICATION: PROVERBS 3:31-35

1. The righteous man must never stoop to the low level of envying the man of violence (verse 31).
2. God withdraws from the “high minded” but brings the lowly in heart into His wise councils (verse 32).
3. The wicked are living under the condemnation of a holy God, while the righteous are blessed with freedom from condemnation (verse 33).
4. God deals harshly yet justly with the bitter in spirit but gives added grace to the humble (verse 34).
5. Wise men (those who know the secret of the Lord) are adorned with the glory of God in an eternal inheritance, while those who are ignorant of God’s secret (the wicked) can expect only shame and disgrace (verse 35).

You can discover the “Secret of the Lord” only in the word of the Lord!

*Mark Brown, IBFI President*



We are living in exciting times! As we look around us we are determined more than ever to be busy about the Lord’s work. “NOW MORE THAN EVER” we need to get the gospel out, “NOW MORE THAN EVER” we need to train preachers, “NOW MORE THAN EVER” we need to encourage one another.

As the summer weeks continue to unfold, we are excited about the prospect of a new school year beginning at the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary! There has been a great deal of activity at the campus of the IBFI and NBBS in preparation for the opening day of school which is scheduled for August 18th. What a thrill it is to have a part in the training of preachers! Please keep our school, the staff and students, in your prayers.

We are also looking forward with great anticipation to the Fall Fellowship Meeting of the IBFI, which is scheduled for October 13-15. Pastor Glen Anderson (NBBS alumnus), and the great people of the Pensacola Baptist Temple in Pensacola, Florida, have been praying, planning, and preparing for this meeting. They have always been gracious hosts, and we have no doubt that they will roll out the red carpet for us once again. Please make plans to be in attendance. If you need any information about this meeting do not hesitate to call the IBFI office or the offices of the Pensacola Baptist Temple.

*“NOW MORE THAN EVER” ..... we need to be watchful!  
“NOW MORE THAN EVER” ..... we need to stand fast!  
“NOW MORE THAN EVER” .....we need to quit like men!  
“NOW MORE THAN EVER” .....we need to be strong!  
“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”  
(1 Corinthians 16:13)*

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Below is a list of recommended motels located at exit 7 off of I10:

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**Hampton Inn & Suites**  
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## INVESTING IN ETERNITY THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF THE TRAINING OF PREACHERS

*Jonathan J. Stewart, NBBS President*



Your consistent investment in the NBBS has resulted in its ongoing – especially during this past year of transition back into especially being a school singularly specializing in the training of preachers. Not only were the facilities and grounds spruced up and upgraded over the past year, but they will continue to be improved in the days ahead. As we make use of the funding that was promised during this past May fellowship meeting (over \$35,000.00) for specific items, and that which continues to come in addition to it, we are seeing even more enhancements than we thought possible in such a short time.

What makes the above so significant is that your support makes it possible for some 35+ hours of lecture in Bible, theology, or church ministry related subjects to be given in each class, each semester. Multiply that times the number of students and the number of classes and you begin to see more clearly what you are doing when you prayerfully and financially undergird the school.

**Think further** about the influence which comes the students’ way through preachers ministering the Word of God in chapel four days a week. Think also for sixteen hours – one week each semester – in the Week of Concentrated Study, a week when a guest speaker is brought in and a particular subject (e.g., Sunday School; Missions; Creationism; Specific Church History Topics, etc.) is addressed over and above or in relation to the ones that are part of the regular course structure.

**Furthermore**, our student body is made up of men and women who are already active in church ministry at various levels and incorporate immediately what they learn into their Christian service. Realize also, they will be doing this in years to come on a larger scale!

Do not forget, this year, for both fall and spring semesters, longtime supporter of the NBBS, businessman Ray Richey is **paying the full tuition for all full time students** (4 or more classes)! This leaves only a \$125.00 registration fee and the cost of books needed for classes (sold to the students at our cost, or secured by them on their own).

I commend you for your vision and thank you again for all you do to keep the NBBS going forward. See you at **Opening Day Rally**, August 18, 2015, at the NBBS facility (11:00 AM).

**NOW MORE THAN EVER**, schools like the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary are needed.

**OFFERING GOAL: \$40,000**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

*Terry Riggsby, Field Representative*



As the summer moves rapidly on, I continue to travel to various churches to present the NBBS ministry. Special thanks to Pastor Bob Wallace, Regency Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, for allowing me to be with them as part of their 31st Anniversary celebration and to Pastor Charles Pugh, First Baptist Church of Cottdale, Texas, for allowing me to preach and present the Seminary program!

Once again, if you are interested in having me come and visit your church and present the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary program, feel free to call the IBFI office at 817-367-3422 or my personal cell phone 817-648-1859.

Continue to pray for our fall enrollment!

**NOW MORE THAN EVER**, we need to get the word out about the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary.

*Michael Wiggins, Administrator*



For the past few weeks we have been working tirelessly on getting the buildings and grounds up to par. I see great strides that have been made, so that when the first student walks in for class the property is ready.

It has been a tremendous blessing and encouragement to see so many churches working together like never before. Some are helping financially, others are helping with laborers, and some are doing both! There are still many things yet to be done in and around the property. Thanks to all who have helped and those who are going to help.

I am very thankful to be a part of this ground level effort with NBBS. What an opportunity we have here at NBBS to see God take men and women and train them for the ministry! Many lives will be changed by the power of the gospel because of our school.

Please partner with us and pray that God would send us the students He has for us. Pray that God would use our school to send forth laborers into the harvest!

**NOW MORE THAN EVER**, we need your prayers.

## ALUMNI NEWS

*Glen Anderson, Alumni President*



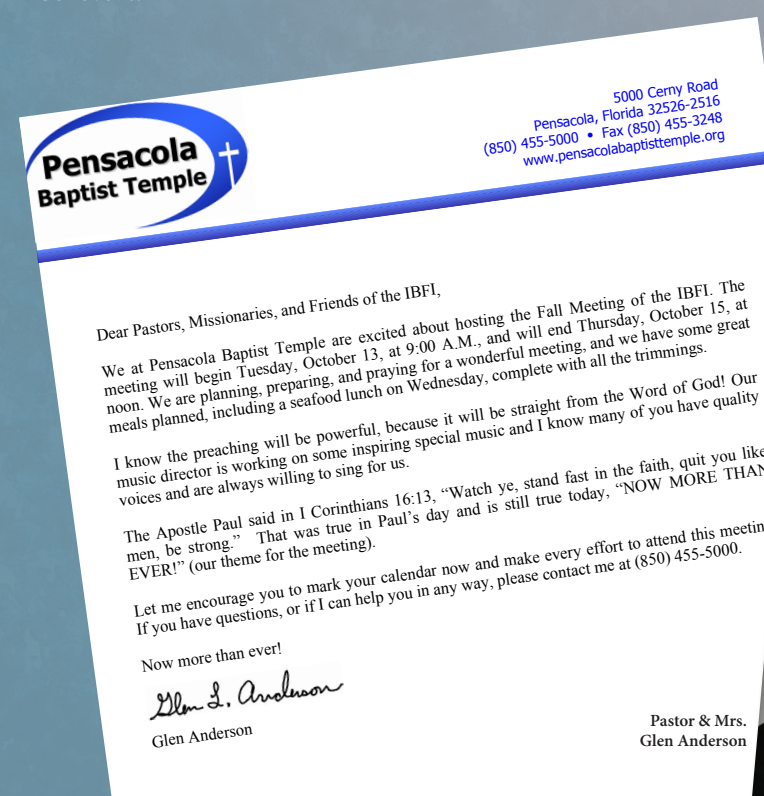
It thrills my heart to share the following letter from Bro. Johnny Leslie, a 1997 NBBS graduate.

In May of this year Tori and I celebrated 15 years in Croatia! As we look back we are amazed at the blessings of God! We’ve seen two churches started, a national preacher called out into full time service, many, many people saved and baptized, and most of the Bible translated into the Croatian language! We are blessed to be in the ministry! We are blessed to have the opportunity to serve our Saviour in Croatia!

As we reflect a little on the past, I must say it hasn’t all been easy. There were battles within and without that we faced. There were many mountain tops, but there were also many valleys that we walked through. Some of those valleys were dark, and at times we wondered if we would get through them. We are so thankful that our Saviour walked through the valleys with us and at times even carried us through! What a wonderful, wonderful Saviour!

Though at times the valleys were long, I know that having the right foundation was crucial for us! The training I received at the Norris Bible Baptist Institute was very needed to keep us on the right track and in the ministry. There were several foundational truths that I learned while attending the NBBI that I am thankful for.

The first foundational truth I learned was “Bible doctrine”! In a world that seems to want to throw doctrine away, I’m thankful that I learned Bible doctrine at the NBBI. I know what I believe and why I believe it!



The second foundational truth I learned was “character”! Do right when no one is looking! Do right when you feel like it and even when you don’t feel like it! I learned to get up early, work hard for our Lord, rest well and do it again day after day!

The third foundational truth was “balance in the ministry”! It is so easy to go to extremes. At the NBBI I was thankful for the many different men who taught me. Although their doctrine was the same, they didn’t always see eye to eye on every issue. I believe that was a great strength. The students didn’t have to be robots molded after one man. This helped me to be balanced in the ministry. I’m thankful for all the men of God who sacrificed their time to train men like me.

The fourth foundational truth I learned was that “truth is more important than unity.” We all know that the Bible is for unity, but I learned at the NBBI that you cannot have unity without truth. Learning this was crucial on the mission field. I saw many missionaries led into compromise because they were lonely and started fellowshiping with other missionaries who did not have the same truths and doctrine. Tori and I spent a lot of time in Croatia without fellowship. There were many lonely times because we would not fellowship with those who did not hold the same doctrine. This foundational truth has helped me to stay true to the doctrine I learned at the NBBI. I believe today what I believed in 1997 when I was handed my diploma.

Tori and I are thankful for the NBBI! The school helped us to have the right foundation upon which to build our ministry. I feel very blessed to have attended the school, and I am proud to be a graduate of the Norris Bible Baptist Institute!



Because of Jesus,  
Johnny Leslie

