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*Whole people — Whole Gospel — Whole world — Wholly to please God*

## The Hispanic Challenge

Consider the following Hispanic facts:

- The Spanish speaking population is the 3rd or 4th largest in the world (depending on the source ranking criteria)!
- Over 15% of the U.S. population (46.9 million, July 2008) are Hispanics.
- More than one of every two people added to the nation's population between July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008, was Hispanic. There were 1.5 million Hispanics added to the population during the period.
- 3.2% - Percentage increase in the Hispanic population between July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008, making Hispanics the fastest-growing minority group.
- 132.8 million - The projected Hispanic population of the United States on July 1, 2050. According to this projection, Hispanics will constitute 30% of the nation's population by that date.
- 2nd - Ranking of the size of the U.S. Hispanic population worldwide, as of 2008. Only Mexico (110 million) had a larger Hispanic population

than the United States (46.9 million).

The increasing numbers of Hispanics, both in the United States and around the world, require the training of additional ministers/evangelists and Christian workers to meet the challenge! *AIBI* remains wholly committed to this ministry training enterprise.

Our students participate in an academically rigorous and culturally relevant training program focused on in-depth biblical study, the development of discipling skills, and growth in spiritual maturity. Each student is motivated to be *sure* of his/her message, to be *passionate* in its proclamation, to be *guided* by evangelistic purpose and to be *committed* to forming mature, fully-functioning disciples.

Of course, we do not do this alone, but as a part of a larger community of faith. It is to you that we must appeal at this time for additional economic resources in order to maintain our current ministry commitments.

Over the last twelve to eighteen months three congregations have had to make difficult decisions regarding their budgets resulting in the elimination

of their support for *AIBI*. That has left us with a monthly deficit in excess of \$1,000 to cover operating expenses.

Clearly, *AIBI* is currently facing an enormous financial challenge, and we need your help to meet it. First, we ask that you support us in prayer so that we might best use the resources God is providing. Second, we ask that you consider making *AIBI* a part of your monthly budget. Also, if you know of congregations, individuals, foundations, etc. that might be able to provide monthly or one-time support, we ask that you help us make contact with them. Know of our deep appreciation for each one of you. Blessings to all!

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