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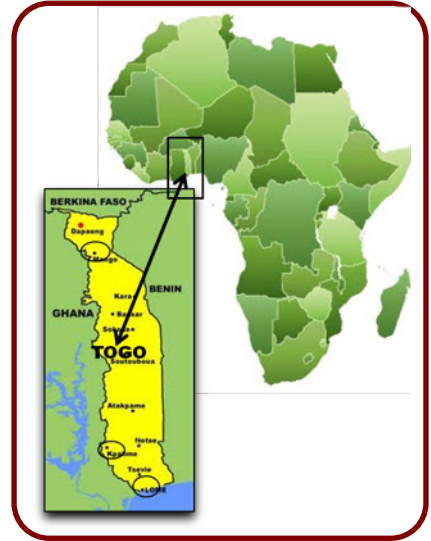
REV. EVAN DRAKE  
*President*

## To Go to TOGO?

BBI president, Evan Drake, and John Collinson, radio engineering consultant, left on July 19 for West Africa. They were invited by a sister mission, ABWE, to survey the country of Togo, for the purpose of establishing a radio ministry in Togo. The team arrived in Accra, Ghana, and met with an American who operates several Christian radio stations in Ghana. They traveled to Lomé, the capital of Togo, and met with two local pastors who operate radio stations as well as a missionary who is training Africans to work in Christian radio. From there, the team traveled 8 hours north to the city of Mango. ABWE is in the process of building a new hospital there that will be the center of an outreach plan in northern Togo, which is predominately Muslim. The north has seen much evangelistic effort. The Islam of Togo is a folk version of Islam which does not have all of the radical tendencies that the West has come to know elsewhere. But, it is coming. Now is the time to claim this territory for Christ!

The survey team observed the terrain, checked out the local radio stations, had meetings with the ABWE team leaders, and carried out ministry among the people. Evan Drake spent two days doing manual labor on the hospital construction site. After several days in the sub-Saharan climate, the team traveled south to the region of Kpalimé, where ABWE has been working for over 35 years. They saw the wonderful hospital in Tsiko, and the blind center in Kpalimé. It was obvious even before arriving in Togo that the northern outreach team was very interested in getting a radio ministry going. The BBI team met with the southern Togo leadership and heard their plea for a radio ministry in southern Togo.

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**Over 1,500**  
**trusted**  
**Christ!**



# To Go to TOGO? (cont.)



**Children in the square of Mango, Togo**

people speak a different African language. The programming there will tend more toward Christian edification. French is the common language of Togo, but much of the programming will be in the major African languages of Ewè in the south, and Kabiye in the north.

Although there are some obvious logistical obstacles to setting up and maintaining this kind of equipment in a third-world country, the real challenges are the same old ones, it costs money and it takes skilled people to do this. Even more serious than our need for new sources of giving to cover the cost of this project and several new families to join us in leading this effort, the greatest obstacle is spiritual. We know that Satan doesn't want Christian radio in Togo. He has kept this continent in darkness and will unleash his forces to continue the oppression and blindness of the kingdom of darkness. Will you commit to praying right now for God's direction for BBI about this potential ministry? Will you pray for new families to pursue God's will in this effort? Will you pray for the financial backing that will

be needed for this? In other words, will you join us at BBI as we invade the enemy's territory with the life-changing message of the gospel?

Our question right now is not, "To go to TOGO or not?" It is, "how can we not go to Togo?" when it seems that God is opening a door of opportunity to us. ■



**Local Togo Mosque**



**Togo Survey Team**

# August Ministry in Roatán, Honduras

Evan Drake, Herman Meister, Samuel Montoya, and Eugene Priddy made their way to Roatán for several different ministry opportunities.

**Dr. Glen R. Solomon** celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Christian ministry on August 28. He is a man of great influence on the island, having been a Pastor, a Governor, a Senator, and an Ambassador of Honduras. As he said at the celebration, his greatest title will always be “servant of God.”

Dr. Solomon was instrumental in obtaining the broadcast permit for BBI’s missionary radio station HRGS that had its 20th anniversary of broadcasting on July 18. Because he and Dr. Priddy worked together to establish Radio HRGS, Eugene was invited to bring the keynote address. We were pleased to have the current Senator from the Bay Islands and the Mayor of Roatán present, along with an estimated 300 people.

**Preaching Opportunities** – Sunday was a special time as Herman and Eugene spoke at different churches on the island. God gave both of them a good response to the preaching of the gospel. Several came forward for rededication under Herman’s ministry and a man from Minnesota trusted Christ as Eugene preached the gospel. Samuel had an opportunity to speak later in the week.

**Family Seminar** – Evan taught a well-received series on the “Biblical Family” Sunday evening through Tuesday evening. All the Baptist churches in the association were invited. Many young people made a decision to keep themselves pure until marriage. Most of the married couples committed themselves to conduct their marriages with Christ-like love based on biblical principles. Samuel translated the seminar into Spanish since both English speaking and Spanish speaking churches participated in the meetings.



**Dr. Glen R. Solomon**  
*Pres. Bay Island Baptist*



**Dr. Eugene Priddy**  
*BBI Founder*



**Rev. Evan Drake**  
*BBI President*



**Doing the Necessary**  
*Checking Financial Records*



**Rev. Samuel Montoya**  
*Dir. Spanish Ministries*



**Herman Meister**  
*BBI V.P. Int'l Ministries*



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## August Ministry (Cont.)

**The Necessary** – An authorized person from headquarters examines the HRGS financial records each year. December and a random month are checked to be sure finances are handled properly. Eugene showed both Evan and Herman how to conduct an internal review of the records. As is normally the case, all records examined were well kept with good audit trails. Our HRGS treasurer, Mildred Petersen, does a fine job!

**The Ordination Service** – What seemed like a last minute addition to the trip ended up being one of the highlights. Those of us from BBI headquarters served with the local churches and pastors on the doctrinal examination counsel and they ordained ten men to the ministry. Some of the men have served for several years as pastors prior to their ordination. They distinguished themselves well in their answers.

**Renewed Partnership** – God allowed us to renew our partnership with the Bay Island Baptist churches. He used us to communicate His truth to people who are hungry for a word from God. Pray for the ministry in the Bay Islands; Radio HRGS is such a vital part of their spiritual life. Pray for the next generation of island leaders and pastors that will carry the church forward. ■

## Founder's Corner

We are grateful to God for those of you who pray for and support us in the ministry of God's word in many places. Due to space limitations we cannot share everything that is happening in BBI's ministry in this letter.

Like many others, our funds are on the verge of depletion. If contributions do not increase, we will have to make cutbacks in some of the critical areas of outreach. We certainly do not want to do that, especially in this time of worldwide unrest and uncertainty. That very fact makes fertile ground for sowing the gospel message. Those of you who have been with us for a long time know that we are very conservative when it comes to fund raising. Therefore, I ask you to seek the Lord's guidance and give as much as you can toward this missionary outreach. Thank you.

Founder/President-emeritus



**Ordination Candidates**



**Pastor Pablo Funes**



**Rev. Javier Aguilera  
Receives Certificate  
with His Hand on the  
Bible**



**Rev. Romel Hernandez  
HRGS Spanish Dir.  
Receives Certificate**

# STAR Team 2010 - Over 1,500 Trust Christ!

*After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.  
2Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Luke 10:1-2).*

Can you imagine the excitement that revolved around the sending out of 70 evangelists? If you have ever organized a mission trip, you can imagine Jesus' logistical challenge of preparing and launching 35 evangelistic teams so that they could be effective! A lot of behind the scenes work goes into preparing for this kind of effort. Bible Basics International STAR Team ministries led a group of 29 volunteers from North America to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, from July 11-18. One segment of the team was

assigned to doing Vacation Bible Schools in two churches. Another team was sent into public middle schools to share about the danger of drugs and the need to have Christ in their lives. The other team members were partnered with a translator and a local Honduran pastor. These teams went out into the communities of local churches in order to share the gospel with people who had been contacted by the church about receiving a visit.

Every team member agreed that it would be worth making all that effort if only one person had received Christ. It is impossible to describe the excitement of knowing that over 1,500 names are written in heaven because



**One of Two Vacation Bible Schools**



**John Mitten Sharing with Hondurans**

STAR Teams went to Honduras this summer. Seventeen local churches participated with over 2,200 attending the services that were held each evening in each church. We can be certain that churches and Christians were encouraged to continue reaching out long after the 29 cross-cultural volunteers left for home.

STAR Teams have now been held for seven straight years in different locations around Honduras. The teams have increased in size, the variety of ministries has changed, and the results have continued to grow.

In 2011 STAR Team ministry will be expanded to offer more trips in different locations and different types of trips. We will be returning to the Honduran Bay Island of Roatán in July. Other trips will be announced very soon. As these trips get scheduled, you will find details at [www.biblebasics.org](http://www.biblebasics.org). A STAR Team application is available online.

### ***STAR Team 2010 in a Nutshell***

- 70** People evangelizing
- 17** Baptist churches participating
- 700** In-home visits made
- 13** Schools hosted a Drug Awareness Team with a gospel message.
- 1,500+** Received Jesus Christ as Savior
- 700** Other decisions were made
- 2,700** People were prayed with by Team members



**STAR Team Youth Sing in an Evening Church Service**

How about considering joining a STAR Team next year? Call it a new kind of vacation – one with eternal consequences. You might not be on a team of 70, but, one thing is sure, wherever the gospel goes, people’s lives are changed forever.

## ***BBI Relief for Haiti Arrives in Port-au-Prince!***

Nothing ever goes as fast as you hope it will. Following the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti, Bible Basics International began preparing a shipment of emergency supplies for the earthquake victims. Some food and other materials were sent to Haiti early on, but the bulk of our response was placed in a container on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We sent hundreds of pairs of shoes and 120 tents and 200 waterproof tarps to provide temporary shelter to a small portion of the hundreds of thousands who still remain without adequate shelter six months after the tragedy began. Many of you have given and prayed for this response to be timely and effective. It took close to two months for the container to arrive in the country and to clear customs in Port-au-Prince. We are all so happy that the tents and tarps are now being given out to needy families who have waited patiently for this help. Too

many rainy nights have gone by, but we are very thankful that you have helped us meet a vital need for a people who have very little hope and need a lot of help. Just today, we received several hundred book bags which we are going to send to the school children who don’t have the basic supplies needed to go to school. Please continue to pray for BBI’s involvement in Haiti.



**Tent Shipment for Haiti**

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**Togo, Africa Radio Project** -----

Please return this slip with your gift to the Lord's work. See other side for explanation of above designations.

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**Where most needed in BBI's missionary work** — will be used at the discretion of the mission to further its Gospel work. This designation allows the most flexibility in doing God's work.

**Togo, Africa Radio Project:** Contributions will be used toward researching and establishing a missionary radio station in the northern part of Togo in cooperation with the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism (ABWE). ABWE has a hospital and church planting ministry in Togo. Their missionaries have been there for more than 30 years.

**For Other Project: OR Missionary:** — For other specific designations **by name**. Examples: "New regular support for (project name OR missionary name)," "One-time contribution for (project name OR missionary name)."

**Please note: In the unlikely event that designated donations exceed the amount needed for a particular project, the balance will be used toward another missionary ministry of BBI.**

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