



The Iteba Network Newsletter

Through Which Love Flows

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Status of ITEBA Building Fund

Recall that ITEBA received a \$150,000 grant from the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering in 2004 to be used to purchase a new building so that the seminary can be accredited, which will allow it to receive a number of benefits. Several things have occurred that have created financial problems in this process. First, the seminary was unexpectedly forced to move locations, because of a number of events, and the new one has necessitated some large and unplanned expenses. Second, the Presbyterian Women have decreased the Birthday Offering grant from \$150,000 to \$80,000, in part because of insufficient funds raised from the Birthday Offering. As a result, ITEBA will not have enough money to purchase and renovate a new building. They estimate that it will take an additional \$30,000-40,000 to make it acceptable to function as a college. Both of these events lead us to the next item.

Funds Needed For ITEBA

First, it is very important that Network churches keep up with their pledges and remittances to ITEBA in order for ITEBA to meet its payroll in light of the unexpected expenses of the new, temporary, location. This is a particularly trying time for the folks at the seminary and they are reluctant to ask for operating funds, but badly need them.

Second, the shortfall of the Birthday Offering grant has created a special need for funds to allow the seminary to purchase and renovate a new building. The Network must therefore conduct a special drive to help make up these funds. More information will be forthcoming.

Rev. Campbell Moving To Cleveland

Rev. Bert Campbell of the First Church in Washington, PA has accepted a call to a church in Cleveland and will soon move there. As you are aware, First Church has been the leader of the Network and Bert has been an enthusiastic supporter. The good news is First Church has rededicated itself to supporting ITEBA, both financially and in their leadership role. Moreover, Rev. Campbell will carry his love for ITEBA to his new congregation and hopefully bring them into the Network at some point in the future.

Mutirão IV Is Coming

ITEBA has invited us to come down next July, 2006, for another Mutirão. They will need help renovating their new building and also may need some help finishing Quilombo Zeferina. Start spreading the news and we will have more information later.

Network Meeting In October

The Network will have a meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Munster, IN on October 29-30, 2005. The

purpose is to discuss the general business of the network, formulate plans for the special funds drive mentioned above, discuss Mutirão IV, and have a good time seeing each other. All Network churches are urged to be represented and everyone receiving this newsletter is invited to attend. We will have more detailed information later in the summer, but put it on your calendar right now.