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Editorial

The UBL is reviewing numerous requests for **Scholarships in 2012**, and we would like to invite you to join us in making it possible for students who have begun their studies in one of our satellite locations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to complete those studies. Scholarships average about \$4,000 per year and cover courses, books, lodging, food, insurance, visas and more. Students are required to fund their transportation to and from Costa Rica. The majority of our students come from very poor communities and without your support of our Scholarship Fund many will not be able to complete their studies. Students are preparing to serve as pastors or laity in their local Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Pentecostal, and other denominational churches. Please help as you can. See page 2 for details on how to give.

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First United Methodist Church of Mt. Holly, North Carolina Work Team

The UBL was greatly blessed by the arrival of the team from FUMC Mt. Holly, N. Carolina in July. They completed a great amount of work and were generous in the sharing of their gifts and love. We are excited they have reserved the last week of June 2012 to return.

See more photos at <http://bit.ly/oyBbfU>



24th Annual Catédra Mackay: Pastoring and HIV-AIDS

The 24th annual Catédra Mackay Conference, held over a 3 day period in August, was attended by more than 50 participants. Lisandro Orlov of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Dra. Genilma Boehler of the UBL led us through the theological context of pastoring today and the reality of persons living with HIV-Aids in our churches and communities. The themes each evening were:

- *Theology, the pastoral, and AIDS*
- *Theological elements for an inclusive church*
- *Testimonies from persons with AIDS.*



The conference series, named in honor of theologian and missionary to Latin America, John Mackay, is held annually and gives the UBL community and others the opportunity to debate current issues in theology.



Individual Volunteer in Mission to the UBL



The UBL welcomes recently retired United Methodist Church U.S. Pastor Susan Hager-Smith. Susan arrived this month with her furry companion "Max" and will be volunteering in the UBL library over the next 6 months. In her first 2 weeks in Costa Rica, she has expanded her volunteer services to include ESL classes for some at UBL and outreach to the children participating in the local mission project Misiones Bienestar in Alta Vista. We welcome Susan and ask for your prayers over her during her time away from home and family.

In Mission Together

The UBL has a place for you:

- Individual Volunteers
- Construction Teams
- Work-Study Programs
- Study Programs

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How can you support the UBL and its programs?

Through your local
United Methodist Church
Advance 10247B "Scholarships"&
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Scholarships



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Upcoming Teams:

November 29-Dec 8 2011

Frankfoter Team-Illinois

January 04-14 2012

Lebanon United Methodist Church, Va.

February 04-11 2012

Paradise Valley United Methodist Church-

"Fiesta Patria" 15 de September in Costa Rica



The administrative staff of the UBL, along with VIM Susan, celebrated the independence of Costa Rica with food, music and dance. You can view the video at <http://bit.ly/pinP2K>

In the classroom



Prof Victorio Araya with students from the Masters Program with HIV-Aids emphasis sponsored by the Lutheran Church of Sweden



Dr. Daniel Gloor and students from his Greek language class

Celebrating Mother's Day August 14th




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Bible Seminar at UBL By Dr. Elisabeth Cook, Director of Biblical Sciences at UBL

Violence and intolerance was the theme that led us through the morning and the Bible as we experienced the workshop on the grass-roots reading of the Bible with students, pastors and church leaders.



The annual "Day of the Bible", celebrated every September, is an opportunity for sharing with the broader community concerning issues that are challenging our world today. This year, we traveled through the violence in our communities and lives, to the complicated issues of what it means to resist dominant and oppressive structures in a way that transforms and generates life. Violeta Rocha, UBL President, Kattia Castro of the National University, Abel Moya of the Costa Rican Lutheran Church and UBL professor Elisabeth Cook guided the workshop.



UBL WITH
SATELLITE
LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT
LATIN AMERICA

February 12-18 2012

Gold Canyon Az. United Methodist Church

February 20-March 5 2012

Waltman Team, Oregon

March 10-18 2012

McKendree University-Illinois study team

March 11-17 2012

First United Methodist Church Corpus, Tx

March 23-April 01 2012

FUMC Lewisville Texas

June 23-July 01 2012

First United Methodist Church of Mt. Holly, N.C.

Aug 03-11 2012

Seville, Florida UMC-Youth Team

February 2013

Rose City Park UMC Oregon