"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

## August 2024

Dear supporting Pastors and churches,

As we continue our mission to equip the next generation of believers, I wanted to share with you an overview of the various responsibilities and activities I undertake in the ministry at GBBC. Our efforts are multifaceted, aiming to provide comprehensive support and education to our students, while also engaging in direct ministry work. If anything, this ministry has been, perhaps, most effective as "casting a net" into the waters. (Mat. 13:47)

**Daily correspondence with students:** A significant part of my ministry involves communication with our students. We aim to address any doctrinal questions they may have. These inquiries have been essential, as they help clarify their understanding of the Bible. Two things have occurred. For those saved, it ensures they are well-grounded in their faith. Additionally, some have recognized they may not be truly saved, and require a more evangelistic approach instead of discipleship. Those who don't agree with our standing, or simply look to argue, don't last long. There's a weeding process.

**Grading of quizzes and essays:** I oversee the grading process for all quizzes and essays. Each is evaluated with care to provide constructive feedback that encourages spiritual growth. The process ensures our students receive a quality education that prepares them for ministry work. This aspect of correspondence is crucial as it helps students understand their academic performance and areas where they can improve. If they sincerely disagree on a doctrinal matter, I let them know where we stand.

**Student registrations:** Managing student registrations is another aspect of the ministry. I keep track of those who register and enroll in our courses. This administrative task ensures all students are accounted for and can access the resources and support they need to succeed.

**Formatting of transcripts from Audio:** To further support our students' learning, I format transcripts from video (class) recordings. This involves editing the transcripts to ensure clarity and accuracy, making them readily available for students to review. These transcripts are an important resource, allowing students to revisit lectures and teachings at their convenience, especially if they can't stay online in more remote areas.

**Short-term trips:** Last, but not least, our ministry also extends beyond the online classroom through short-term trips. These trips are designed to engage with key leaders, such as pastors, and to meet individuals assembled in groups. During these trips, we aim to evangelize and offer discipleship. Additionally, one of our primary goals is to see churches started, establishing new congregations that can grow and thrive under their own local leadership.

Here is a picture of a group meeting in East Timor-Leste. Led by Joaquin, who is taking them through GBBC material. We are in the early stages of planning a trip to the South Pacific (including Fiji and Papua New Guinea) in early Jan-Feb 2025. Please pray for logistics and a potential church plant.



These efforts reflect our commitment to combining evangelism, education, and church planting to fulfill the Great Commission. I am grateful for the continued support and prayers from you, enabling me to continue full-time work on this new mission of ours.

In His Service,

Rob Johnson