



Dear brothers and sisters,

I'd like to take the opportunity to share with you, through this informational bulletin, several relevant aspects regarding the HCD Alliance.

I) The latest developments in the field of programs that already exist and others that are projected to be implemented

- a) The Master's program at SEMISUD, a seminary of the Church of God denomination, has been offered for 3 years and has 19 students from 10 different countries.
 - SEMISUD, with backing from the HDC Alliance, will promote the development of HCD programs in three of the Church of God seminaries (Chile, Uruguay, and Peru).
- b) On March 26th, 2009, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Bachelor's degree in Holistic Child Development – offered by CETI – was launched at the Kairos Foundation installations. This program will last two years; the first year focuses on the general interdisciplinary studies, and the second will focus on two specialties: children (under 12 years old) and adolescence (over 12 until 18 years old).
 - In Argentina, several nuclei are expected (one each in Salta, Santa Fe, Neuquén, and Buenos Aires and five in Córdoba). Three additional nuclei are expected outside of Argentina – one each in Chile, Paraguay, and Bolivia.
- c) A Bachelor's degree in Holistic Child Development was started in Jamaica on August of 2008. This program is offered by CGST (Caribbean Graduate School) and is expected to offer the HCD Alliance a sub-region for the English-speaking countries in the Caribbean.
- d) The National Bible Institute (IBN) of Chile is in the process of putting together a Bachelor's degree in Holistic Child Development, using the experiences of SEMISUD and CETI as a base. This program is expected to launch sometime in 2009.
- e) On May 11th, 2009, the Costa Rican seminary ESEPA will offer a new course – “Integral Mission for Boys, Girls, and Adolescents.” Texts from authors Greg Burch (“The Children of the Community”) and Dan Brewster (“Child, Church, and Mission”) will be used. These books will be available electronically from the HCD website.

II) Coordination of work areas within the HCD Alliance.

- 1) The work areas that were agreed to be worked on in the October Conference (2008) were as follows:
 - Communications
 - Curriculum
 - Research

- Resource-sharing strategies
 - Raise the awareness of the Church
 - Faculty development
- 2) According to the circumstances that occurred during the coordination of the HCD Alliance, as Secretary General, I decided to work first in the area of Communications (i.e. – HCD Alliance website and the translation of books and materials) which will serve the region and will be available online. Part of the plan is for two seminaries to support this initiative as well.
- 3) The other two areas that are being prioritized are Curriculum and Research. Representatives from seminaries already exist so that coordination in these areas will begin.
- 4) Regarding the remaining three areas:
- Resource-sharing strategies are being worked on, for the time being, from the Communications field.
 - While the Alliance matures, the areas of Faculty Development and Raising Awareness in the Church are being assumed by the Secretary General.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this bulletin.

I hope from here on out our communication will only increase,

In Christ's love,

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