

After Regina and Sudheer, Missionaries from India, learned our congregation purchased \$3,097 of handmade purses and carved towel holders (wow!), Regina sent the following:

I am speechless except for Praise the Lord! ...Thank you Lord! HALLELUJAH!! Thank you to all at Sugar Land Baptist who sold or bought our bags. You have partnered with us in our labor to bless and provide for many families. We bless you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I did some calculations—8 bags (purses) help provide LUNCH for 8 families for a month and 10 bags provide lunch for one family of four for a whole year!! After doing the math, I sat and wept. As always, the Lord answered more than we had asked. Thank you Lord!

SLBC helps many individuals through our support of organizations such as Baptist University of Americas, Baylor University, and others. Here are several notes of appreciation we've recently received:

From Baptist University of the Americas (BUA):

Your generosity is making it possible for our students to attain their dreams. Most of these students come from impoverished countries and humble homes. I wish you could have seen them jump for joy and cry tears of happiness when they were notified that there was a scholarship for them, in part due to your generosity. I hope you can hear their gratitude in their letters.

Teo Cisneros, VP for Development

From students at BUA:

~My name is Alexander and I am 19 years old. I was born in Honduras and never imagined studying in the US. God granted me the opportunity to enroll in BUA where I am working towards a B.A. in Theology/Biblical Studies. My dad passed away and my mom works endlessly to provide for us, but I would not be able to study without the help of generous donors like you. I am grateful for individuals who contribute to other people's development. The Lord is my provider and I know this is true because He provided through you. May the Lord continue to bless you richly.

Alex Diaz

~My name is Jaime and I was born in Leon Guanajuato, Mexico. I moved to Texas 5 years ago. I did not believe I could achieve the goal of graduating from High School, let alone, become the first to attend college in my family. I am majoring in Theology because I believe that I am called to announce the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. I did not know how I was going to pay for school. In the midst of uncertainty there is always a spark of light and you became the answer to my prayers. I know I cannot thank you enough for your generosity but I believe the Lord Jesus Christ is using generous people like you to finish the good work he started in those whom he has called.

Jaime Alcalá

~I am extremely honored to be blessed by people like you. Please know that you are a tremendous blessing, not only to me, but to my family as well.

My name is Natalia and this is my 4th semester studying my BA in Biblical/Theological Studies at BUA. I'm originally from Brazil and have lived in the US for the past 10 years. Growing up, I remember very clearly always playing and pretending to be a pastor, teacher, doctor, etc. . . . but as we got older we came to find out that it was not as easy as we thought, to become who we dreamed of being. Although we have struggled through many financial difficulties, we never gave up on our faith. Growing up in a missionary home, we learned to trust in God. During my high school years, I would always tell myself that I needed to enjoy my classes as much as I could because I knew that once I graduated I would never sit in a classroom setting again. My mom had a saying: "I can, I want, and I will in Jesus' Name".

It is amazing how when we put all our trust in God, He does extraordinary things for us to see His abundant grace is upon our lives. My desire is to let God use me to spread the Gospel and to one day bless students in need like you have blessed me. Therefore, I can, I want, and I will in Jesus' Name, because it is lives like yours that are treasured by Christ and very appreciated by students like me. You have blessed me with the opportunity of being in a classroom setting once again.

Natalia Simoes Silva

From Baylor University:

~I am writing this letter to thank you for the support you have given me through the Sugar Land Baptist Church/ Dr. Phil Lineberger/George W. Truett Theological Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund. I would not have the privilege of attending such a fine academic Seminary without your support. I plan to use my education to enter into a career in Church planting in a US major city (still undecided which city) to work sharing the gospel. The scholarship you have given me will make this a reality.

It makes me proud that I am supported by Dr. Lineberger, one of Baylor's regents, and I will steadfastly use the education provided me. Thank you for your support—I will do great things with the blessed gift you have given me.

Murph Little

~I would like to thank you on behalf of every student here at Truett Seminary for your generous support of this place. I believe God is at work in this place and it is a great encouragement for me to know entire churches are participating in that work. Thank you Sugar Land Baptist Church! May God bless and keep each of you.

Christopher Canary

SLBC also helps support Eftychios Kioupouroglou, a gentleman we are associated with through our Mission efforts in Greece. He is currently attending college at Trinity International University in Illinois, pursuing his Masters Degree in Christian studies.

I am really grateful for the support of your church, I am so blessed. At the moment I feel like a small fish in a big ocean - Trinity has here 3,000 students and in Greece we were 30 students maximum at the Greek Bible College!

My purpose for these studies is to come back to Greece and help with my church. I have very specific things for my role in my church. The general idea though, is church planting. By that I don't mean only the beginning of new churches but also the strengthening of some which are on the verge of closing. And there are many of these, especially in villages or in small towns.

Thank you again for your support.

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