

MISSION PERU

BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL NOTES ON THE TEACHING PYRAMID

EXPLANATION OF THE USE AND APPLICATION OF THE TEACHING PYRAMID

The use of the BI Teaching Pyramid as for illustrative purposes only has been available for thirty years. Expecting that it is new to the brethren in Peru, we are supplying a primer especially for this illustration with the expectation it will be helpful as Mission Peru progresses.

Please note the points below describing the purpose of the Teaching Pyramid:

- 1 **What it is Not.** First and foremost, it is necessary to understand that the Baptist International Teaching Pyramid is NOT a symbol, brand, or identifier for the BI curricula. It is simply an illustration to help students and teacher understand the principle and process of identifying the need in respect to scripture, first; then move to distribution to fill the need, second. Once distribution is in place, the ministry should move to production as the third step. In respect to Mission Peru, the Bible Baptist Church of Ventanilla (IBBV), where Luis Huayaban is pastor, has purposed to supply the scriptures for distribution, until each ministry can produce their own, which is the next objective. The fourth step is reproduction (i.e., teaching) of the scripture ministry to other ministries.

For the requirements of BI credits in Peru, **scripture distribution** is what will be evaluated. However, if a ministry does move to production, extra credit will be applied.

- 2 **A Headwater church verses local church production.** In the United States, especially before the digital age, the scripture production was primarily set up through headwater churches – that is, churches with the equipment and capacity to print large volumes of scripture (tons), and send the scripture “signatures” to the various churches for assembly and distribution. This system required the collection of funds to be directed to the headwater church to buy paper (tons), and to print, and to ship the scriptures to and from churches to the need.

Today, and with the Mission Peru model, we expect each church and ministry to produce and distribute at their level, thus removing the need for a Headwater church, and the transferring of funds and scriptures internationally. This is not only wise and expedient, but also provokes the local churches to get involved in production earlier, and this based on the direct local need of distribution.

Historic Baptist Church remains a Headwater for teaching and for providing the needed digital masters for printing; but it will not be responsible for shipping large quantities of scripture internationally.

Since BI was formed with the Headwater model, we are making adjustments as mentioned above to set the scripture requirements based on local church distribution and production.

For Mission Peru, we want to see *“Every Church a Publishing Church.”*

- 3 **Saturation verses Tonnage.** Just as the Apostles “filled Jerusalem with your doctrine” (Acts 5:28), we have changed the requirements for Mission Peru to a “saturation” model. That is, the required distribution of scriptures will be approximately that needed to give every

household a copy of the scriptures. We also understand that many of the ministers involved in BI have multiple places of ministry (some have up to twenty villages). We would expect the distribution to encompass all areas of ministry.

- 4 **The Use of gifts through IBBV.** The Bible Baptist Church of Ventanilla (IBBV) has positioned themselves to be a provider of scriptures to the ministries in Peru. We have a fund set up for that church, under the leadership of Pastor Luis Huayaban, to administer the funds as needed to help missionaries and pastors with their scripture distribution and advice in printing.

For Peru, the steps flow as follows: 1) Identify need, 2) Distribute to that need, 3) Produce to that need, 4) Reproduce (teach other ministries to do the same).

Steps 2 and 3 may have to interchange depending on the quantity of scripture available. When we visited in November 2017, pastor Luis Huayaban had printed 1,000 books of John and supplied those to various missionaries.

The step of distribution before production is done similar to the “priming of a water pump”, in that we supply a small amount that shows the process and how to fill the need, then the ministry produces on their own. We at HBC will, by God’s grace, help in bearing the cost for the production of scriptures in Peru.

- 5 Being Conformed to the Image of Jesus Christ
- 6 Responsibility to Levels Above and Below
- 7 Greatest is the Servant – recognition based on obedience and service. Self decreases, Christ increases. Humility should increase.
- 8 Post Ph.D. work and studies.