

**2020 – 2021 State Project  
Training Up New Leaders  
Goal: \$13,000**

Our 2020-2021 State Project is for International Ministries. We want to provide scholarship money for two students in the Master of Theological Studies (MTS) in Latino/a Ministries through Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University. Palmer is an accredited graduate level program consisting of 12 courses, 3 credit hours each, for a total of 36 credit hours, taken over the course of two years. Upon completing the MTS program, women and men are prepared for pastoral ministry and/or church leadership.

Quality training for church leaders in Latin America and the Caribbean is hard to find, and funding that post-graduate education is even harder. In response, International Ministries, in collaboration with Palmer Theological Seminary and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, developed a theological educational program that is one of the most innovative of its kind. Although the courses in the areas of biblical studies, theology, and practice of ministry parallel other seminary curricula, the MTS program is contextualized to the needs of Latino/a communities.

Peter McCurdy first introduced us to this project and is one of the teachers. He started working in the program while in Costa Rica, and the scholarships will follow him to students in Mexico City.

The IM goal is large. They want to raise enough money to send 46 students through this program. We can help. Our **\$13,000 goal** will provide two students with full two-year scholarships. For more information or to follow IM's updates the project link is:  
<https://www.internationalministries.org/latin-america-mts-scholarships-in-latinoa-ministries/>.

**The 2020-2021 year has started out as a very unusual and daunting time. Let's make it a season of victory by reaching our goal and preparing two students for ministry and church leadership in Latin America.**

**State Project Song - "Training Up New Leaders"  
To the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers"**

Training up new leaders to preach about the Lord;  
Seminary students in Latin America.  
Paying their tuition helps get their degree.  
State Project can do it with gifts from you and me.

Let's all do our part now, help these students out.  
Raise up Christian Leaders, warriors for the Lord.

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Send all State Project money to Treasurer Becky Winsley  
1924 Euclid Ave., Zanesville, Ohio 43701

**Make check payable to ABW Ministries/Ohio and mark for State Project**