

Update
DENVER SEMINARY

IDEAL

Upcoming Events

IDEAL Graduation

May 22, 7-9 pm
Chapel, Denver Seminary

Oasis Conference

"No Crisis, No Challenge"
May 29, 5-7 pm
Chapel, Denver Seminary

Summer Class

"Business for the Kingdom"
July 12-23, 7-9pm
Mon. / Wed. / Fri.
(\$50 for IDEAL students, \$75 for all others)

Get Involved

Pray—Join our prayer team. Fill out a "Prayer Covenant" online.

Serve—Serve in a class, in the office, or at a special event.

Give—Financially support the training of Hispanic Leaders.

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Sticky Situations

On Saturday April 17th, 24 students in Denver Seminary's IDEAL Institute capped off three years of study with an interactive ministry seminar. The topic of the day-long seminar was "Personal Relationships in the Church." Wilmer Ramírez, Vioneth Ramírez, and guest-lecturer William Mitchell spoke on issues ranging from marriage to conflict resolution. The day ended with several case studies, in which students had to collaboratively find solutions to common "sticky situations" in church life.

Magdaleno Retiguin, a 3rd year IDEAL student, commented, "Today I learned how to solve common problems in the church from both a biblical and practical standpoint." And at the end of the day, David Pérez, an IDEAL student and employee for Sprint, commented, "This class clearly shows us the need for good leadership in the Hispanic church. IDEAL helps us to be trained for difficult situations we face daily." These students graduate on May 22.

Other News:

- On March 13th, Dr. David Befus, former president of Latin America Mission and international economic consultant, taught an introductory seminar entitled "**Business for the Kingdom.**" Over 60 IDEAL students attended. Dr. Befus plans to return to the Denver Seminary to give a two week course



Irene Monroy, Blanca Saavedra and Victor Hugo Guillen (from left to right) participated in the seminar.

- On May 22rd, IDEAL will hold its **graduation ceremony** in the chapel. Nearly 70 students will graduate from the program.
- Hispanic Initiatives has been researching the feasibility of launching a university-level, Spanish-language **academic program** through the Central American Theological Seminary (SETECA). Continue to pray that God would guide the leadership of both Denver Seminary and SETECA as they discuss future plans.

Why I Give...

Since the fall of 2009, God has provided several generous donors who give towards the needs of Hispanic Initiatives. In a recent interview, Zósimo Alvarez, owner of A & Z Metal Decking, Inc. and current IDEAL student, commented on why he gives regularly to Hispanic Initiatives. "I like what I see," he remarked. "I'm excited that people are getting trained and are receiving the proper tools they need to be better at leading their churches." As a Denver business owner, he said, "We've been blessed by God, and we want to be a blessing to others."

If you are interested in making a donation to the ministry of Hispanic Initiatives, please contact us at 303.783.3137 or ideal@denverseminary.edu.

Big Dreams, yet Big Obstacles

A recent study by the Pew Hispanic Center found that although Hispanics highly value university education, the number of students who graduate from college is lower than their peers. Richard Fry writes that part-time college attendance and low graduation rates "are the results of tradeoffs between the desire to gain an education and powerful forces of family, community and affordability." Although many young Latinos are the first in their families to attend college, they often lack the necessary support systems and must work full-time to pay for school. The report concludes that helping Latino students to enroll in college and graduate in a timely manner will be of central importance for American educators in the next generation.