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Introducing Two New Staff Members

The most important resource to any organization is its people. Just recently WBI has added two new individuals to the staff to direct and assist in the coordination of a new extension school. Lord willing, the “Costa Rica Bible Institute” (CRBI) will be opening its doors January 2018 in Coronado, Costa Rica, a suburb of the capital city of San Jose. Serving as its director will be Rafael Barrantes, the former Hispanic minister for the North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, TN. And serving in the role as coordinator for the new Costa Rica extension will be Brent Smith, evangelist for the Trenton church of Christ, Trenton, TN.



Rafael Barrantes and his wife, Kattia have been effective workers in the Jackson Hispanic community for well over 10 years. He and Kattia have been married for 34 years and have four grown children, two sons and two daughters. Rafael has preached the gospel for more than 34 years, established six churches in three countries, worked as an instructor of Bible in three different schools of preaching, served as director of the Bible School of the Americas in Panama, and is the current editor of the American magazine *The Voice of the Truth International* for the Spanish edition.

Rafael is a graduate of the Pan-American Bible Institute and the Memphis School of Preaching. He received his Bachelor of Art degree from the University of Costa Rica. He continued his education at Southern Christian University where he received his bachelor’s degree in Bible; and then he received his master’s degree in Bible at Freed-Hardeman University where he is also currently completing his Master of Divinity degree. Rafael is one of those rare men who is experienced, well-educated, and sound in doctrine.

