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## COMIBAM INTERNATIONAL HOLDS A GLOBAL FORUM FOR SENDING STRUCTURES COOPERATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

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**San Jose, Costa Rica, October 2008-** - - 106 missions agency and missionary training center leaders met on September 17, 18 and 19 in Costa Rica under the slogan "*Connecting Latin America with the Global Missions Movement*".

The forum was held by COMIBAM International via its Sending Structures Network and supported by international organizations such as: SIM, OC-Sepal, HCJB and Wycliffe Bible Translators, with the clearly established purpose of "Creating a place for dialogue in order to share experiences and resources for promotion of strategic cooperation between the Latin American missions movement and the global movement".

Eighty-eight missions organizations were represented by the 106 people in attendance. Sixty attendees came from Latin American agencies and 46 came from international agencies. Of those, there were attendees from 22 Latin-American, three European (Spain, England and Germany), one Asian (Thailand), two African (Nigeria and South Africa) and two North American (US and Canada) countries. Pastor Rubén Ezemadu from MANI (National Initiatives Mission Association), an African missions movement, participated in the forum as part of the alliances that are being developed with other missions movements.

Experts gave speeches during the forum on six key topics. These topics were then discussed in table groups from which arose some joint proposals among the agencies and movements present. The topics covered were the following: Strategic Partnerships in the Kingdom of God, Integral Training of the Missionary, Missionary Children's Education, Integral Care of the Missionary, Businesses as Missions (BAM) and Multicultural Teams on the Field.

The participants left challenged and committed to the Lord and His mandate of "being one so that the world might believe". A commitment was made to work together, create areas of cooperation, continue with the dialogue and do everything within our power to bring glory to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ among all nations.

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