



# Calvary Bible Institute Faculty Profiles



**Ana I. Berdecía, M.Ed.**, became a Christian in 1981. She has been at Calvary Full Gospel Church for 19 years, serving in various ministries with her husband Enrique. She holds a Degree of Bachelor of Sociology with a minor in Women's Studies and also a Degree of Master of Education. In addition, Ana is certified as a coach and speaker, having received her training through the John Maxwell Certification Program. She received her biblical training through the Methodist Church Festival of Learning and through Calvary School of the Bible. Ana has been an adjunct professor at Mercer County Community College for 10 years, primarily with teachers of Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She also has 27 years of experience as a trainer and learning facilitator. Ana has taught at the Trenton Assembly of God Bible Institute for two years. She loves teaching and helping people discover their strengths and reach their potential. Ana will be the co-administrator of the Calvary Bible Institute with her husband Enrique.



**Enrique Berdecía Jr., M.A.R.**, gave his life to the Lord in 1996. He has been at Calvary Full Gospel Church for 19 years. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Advertisement Design from The College of New Jersey and a Master of Arts in Religion from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Enrique started his teaching experience as an instructor for the Discipleship Program of the United Methodist Church. Later, he also taught the Discipleship Program at Calvary Full Gospel Church and the Trenton Assembly of God Bible Institute. Enrique has an intense desire to see the body of Christ draw closer to God through the knowledge of His Word which will equip them to take a stand and to present an *apologia*. Enrique feels privileged to have been selected by Pastor Farina to co-administer the Calvary Bible Institute with Ana, his wife of 30 years.



**Nilda El-Hefnawi, M.S.**, gave her life to the Lord in 1970. Nilda has been serving at Calvary Full Gospel Church for over 10 years and has been one of the instructors for the Discipleship Program. She has both a Bachelor Degree and a Master's Degree and various certifications. Her biblical training was earned at the Liberty Bible Institute in Lynchburg, Virginia, and the Evangelistic Explosion under the leadership of Dr. D. James Kennedy. Her areas of concentration are mass media communication, elementary education and math and sciences. Nilda has taught from kindergarten to twelfth grade in public and private schools in both New Jersey and New York. She enjoys teaching and interacting with people; her teaching has become an integral part of her life. Nilda will be joining the Calvary Bible Institute as a faculty member.



**Rev. Maurice P. Lassiter** gave his life to the Lord in 1977. He has been a Staff Pastor at Calvary Full Gospel Church since 1995. Pastor Maurice has been an integral part of the ministry directed toward healing and restoration of hurting people whom the Lord sends his way. This theme of healing and restoration had so resonated with Pastor Maurice's spirit that it prompted him to develop a support group called "Beauty for Ashes." He received his biblical training at New Life Institute and through intimate time with the Lord in personal study. He has been teaching and preaching the Word of God for 30 years. Pastor Maurice oversees a number of ministries at Calvary Full Gospel Church. He developed both the Discipleship Training Program and the Life Groups and continues to be a guiding influence as he trains all the teachers who are part of these ministries. Pastor Maurice loves to teach the Word and to help people rightly divide the Word of Truth. He will be joining the Calvary Bible Institute as an advisor and faculty member.



**Njoroge Muchiri, M.Ed, LBS**, gave his life to the Lord in 1997. He has been attending and serving at Calvary Full Gospel Church for 16 years. He earned a Bachelor Degree from Philadelphia Biblical University (presently known as Cairn University), with a concentration in Pastoral Ministry and a Master's Degree (M.Ed) with concentration in special education from Arcadia University. Njoroge taught high school briefly in Kenya and continues to be involved in the Kenya Christian Fellowship of America (KCFA) as the Greater Philadelphia Area chapter chairman and national director of men's ministry and biblical teaching. Upon graduation, Njoroge felt God calling him to a teaching ministry instead of a pulpit ministry. He views the opportunity to teach at Calvary Bible Institute as answer to his prayer that he may use what God has planted in his life for the good of the Body and to His glory. Njoroge will be joining CBI as a faculty member.



**Christopher H. Tanghare** gave his life to the Lord in 1993. He earned his Bachelor Degree in Computer Engineering at Drexel University. For the past six years, Chris has been attending and serving at Calvary Full Gospel Church, where he has taught the Bible to small groups of youth. Chris is also a youth leader at Remnant Youth Ministry. His biblical training is being developed through intimate time with the Lord and the gifting of understanding and explaining the Bible. Chris has a passion for God's Word and for seeing lives transformed for His glory. This passion is the driving force that propels him to excel as he goes deeper into the Word. Chris believes that the Calvary Bible Institute (CBI) will help him develop and use his gift of teaching. Chris will be joining CBI as a faculty member.