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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for: \$87.50 ፟ \$78.75 □ \$78.75 \$70.00 Filing Fee, Filing Fee Filing Fee Filing Fee Certified Copy & Certified Copy & Certificate of Status & Certificate of Status ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED ∑ Kārin L. Adams FROM: Name (Printed or typed) Bird & Associates, P.C. 3414 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1150 Address Atlanta, GA 30326 City, State & Zip

FRIENDS OF EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES OF THE AMERICAS, INC. (Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Daytime Telephone number

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

#### FRIENDS OF EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES

#### OF THE AMERICAS, INC.

#### A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is:

Friends of Evangelical Ministries of the Americas, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY

The corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act as amended.

#### <u>ARTICLE III. PURPOSES</u>

The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, literary, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), including but not limited to sponsorship of one or more Bible teaching conferences in Central America to train Central American pastors and teachers, support of

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Bible teachers in Central America, and distributions to or for the use of organizations exempt at the time under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law). Subject to the foregoing, the corporation shall have all powers authorized for nonprofit corporations, and not prohibited to nonprofit corporations, under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE IV. DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

#### **ARTICLE V. RESTRICTIONS**

Section 1. No Private Inurement. No part of the net earnings or property of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons; except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. The corporation shall not have capital stock or shareholders.

Section 2. No Substantial Lobbying. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, provided that the corporation may make the election provided in Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

Section 3. No Political Campaigning. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

<u>Section 4. Irrevocable Dedication</u>. The income and assets of the corporation shall be irrevocably dedicated to its exclusive purposes.

#### ARTICLE VI. DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than four (4) members, and of not more than a maximum number determined by the Bylaws of the corporation as amended from time to time.

Section 2. Powers. The Board of Directors shall govern the corporation, and shall have all the rights and powers of a board of directors under the laws of the State of Florida and of the United States, as well as such other rights and authority as are herein granted. Such rights and powers shall include, but not be limited to, the power to adopt and amend the Bylaws and other corporate governing documents (except these Articles of Incorporation), by a majority vote, in any way not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Florida, or the laws of the United States.

Section 3. Term. The term of each member of the Board of Directors shall be as established in the Bylaws.

Section 4. Election. Directors shall be elected by the remaining Directors by a majority vote, upon the expiration of a Director's term or a vacancy for any reason (including positions created by an increase in the number of Directors). If the Board of

Directors is unable to select a successor Director(s), such successor(s) shall be appointed by the appropriate court of the county in which the principal Florida office (or if none the Florida registered office) of the corporation is then located. The Believer's Foundation, Inc., by and through its board of directors, shall have the power to veto the election of any Director, with or without cause, and shall have the power to remove any Director from office at any time, with or without cause.

Section 5. Amendment. The Board of Directors shall have the power to amend these Articles of Incorporation, by a unanimous vote of the Directors then in office, in any way not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida or of the United States.

Section 6. <u>Initial Directors</u>. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) members, whose names and addresses are:

Dr. Harold W. Warner 9154 County Road, 647C Bushnell, FL 33513

Kenneth G. Fuller P.O. Box 428 Mango, FL 33550

Carlos Montoya Apartado Postal 199 Siguatepeque, Comayagua Honduras C.C.

Dr. George L. Fredricks Apartado Postal 199 Siguatepeque, Comayagua Honduras C.C.

### ARTICLE VII. NO MEMBERS

Section 1. No Members. The corporation shall not have members.

#### ARTICLE VIII. POWERS

Section 1. General. The corporation shall have all the rights and powers customary and proper for tax exempt nonprofit corporations, including the powers specifically enumerated in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes Annotated as amended.

Section 2. Restrictions. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by a corporation to which contributions are deductible under Sections 170(b)(1)(A) or (B) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law).

Section 3. Charitable Trusteeship Etc. The corporation shall be empowered to hold or administer property for the purposes stated in Article III, including the power to act as trustee.

## ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. <u>Dissolution</u>. The Board of Directors may cease corporate activities and dissolve and liquidate the corporation, by two-thirds vote.

Section 2. Liquidation. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall pay or make provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, and shall thereafter dispose of all of the assets of the corporation (i)

exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine, (ii) or exclusively to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, literary, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3), and shall at the time be described in Section 170(c)(2) of such Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 3. Contingent Provision. If any such assets are not so disposed of, the appropriate court of the county in which the principal Florida office (or if none the Florida registered office) of the corporation is then located shall dispose of such assets exclusively for the purposes stated in Article III herein, and exclusively to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes and at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under such Section 501(c)(3), as said court shall determine.

# ARTICLE X. CONTINGENT RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Contingent Restrictions. In the event that the corporation is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), and only during the period during which such determination applies, notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of

Incorporation, this Article X shall apply and the corporation shall: (1) not engage in any act of "self-dealing" (as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code) that would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Code; (2) distribute its income for each taxable year for the purposes specified in Article III herein at such time, in such manner, and in such amounts as are necessary to avoid subjecting the corporation to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; (3) not retain any "excess business holdings" (as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code) that would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code; (4) not make any investments that would jeopardize the carrying out of any of the exempt purposes of the corporation (within the meaning of Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code) that would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and (5) not make any "taxable expenditures" (as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code) that would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. <u>Definition</u>. Each reference in this Article X to a section of the Internal Revenue Code shall be deemed to include the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law.

#### ARTICLE XI. INITIAL OFFICE AND AGENT

Section 1. Registered Office. The name and street address and county of the initial registered agent and initial registered office of the corporation shall be Kenneth G. Fuller, P.O. Box 428, Mango, Hillsborough, FL 33550, 11505 E. BROADWAY.

Section 2. Principal Office. The mailing address of the initial principal office shall be 11505 East Broadway, Mango, Florida 33550.

# ARTICLE XII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Section 1. Limitation. The personal liability is hereby eliminated entirely of a director to the corporation for monetary damages for breach of duty of care or other duty as a director; provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director: (i) For any appropriation, in violation of his duties, of any business opportunity of the corporation; (ii) For acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of laws; (iii) For the types of liability set forth in the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act as amended; or (iv) For any transaction from which the director received an improper personal benefit.

Section 2. No Effect on Prior Liability. Such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date of these Articles of Incorporation when such provision becomes effective.

Section 3. Amendment. Any repeal or modification of the provisions of this Article shall be prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director of the corporation with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to the effective date of such repeal or modification, and must be approved by 90% of the directors present at a duly noticed meeting with a quorum present. In the event of any amendment of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act to authorize the further elimination or limitation of liability of directors, then the liability of a director of

the corporation shall be limited to the fullest\_extent permitted by the amended Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided herein.

Section 4. Severability. In the event that any provision of this Article (including a clause) is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions are severable and shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE XIII. INCORPORATOR(S)

Section 1. Incorporator(s). The name and address of the incorporator(s), who is a citizen(s) of the United States, is:

Wendell R. Bird Bird & Associates, P.C. 1150 Monarch Plaza 3414 Peachtree Road, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30326

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator or attorney for and representative of the incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation, pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

This November \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

BY:

Wendell R. Bird, Incorporator Florida Bar Number 345504 Bird & Associates, P.C. 1150 Monarch Plaza 3414 Peachtree Road, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30326

# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is Friends of Evangelical Ministries of the Americas, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Ken G. Fuller 11505 E. Broadway Mango, FL 33550

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

Signature:

Ken G Fuller

Date: 11-15-00

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