

# GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

Equipping church leaders in Colombia to proclaim the gospel throughout Latin America

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18*

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The Great Commission mandate contains a promise from the Lord Jesus: *I am with you always*. This promise was felt at every corner of the March missionary trip to Colombia. Seeds that were planted, by God's grace, are beginning to germinate.

1. Under the leadership of GTC president, Bryant Skinner, reformed pastors and church leaders met in Santa Marta to discuss, plan and develop the **Pastors Equipping Pastors (PEP) project**. This three-year mentoring program intends to help pastors, not only master ministerial academic subjects, but also, promote personal spiritual growth and character development. The goal is to transform churches congregations through the uncompromised preaching of the Word of God.

In May, Rev. Dr. Don Galardi, member of the Board of GTC, will present the first module, Bibliology. After this initial conference, regional coordinators will continue the theme for 8 weeks. More than 300 pastors are expected to participate.

2. The **GTC women's ministry** has been tenderly embraced by pastors throughout Colombia, having seen the need for such ministry for a long time. The extraordinary attendance at the *Book of Ruth Conferences* inspired ongoing Bible studies for women, and opportunities for them to serve the Kingdom of God in ways they never anticipated—within their local churches.

In Medellin, the women are now coordinating a clothing and shoe drive for the children in Santa Marta. Ana Benitez, wife of Pastor Julio Benitez, reported that when the pastor announced this need in Santa Marta, the women of the church were greatly motivated to participate and help with this project.

3. For the first time since the birth of GTC, 12 years ago, the Lord gave Noé the special privilege of serving as a pastor in Colombia. Substituting for Pastor Sergio Ruiz, who needed to take care of his health, Noé experienced firsthand the tremendous responsibilities that come with the title of *pastor*. His temporary job included: preaching, teaching Sunday school, leading mid-week devotions, meeting new believers to disciple them before becoming members of the church, engaging in biblical family counseling, including a marriage conference.

Also, due to the large number of new members and visitors in the church, many hours were spent looking for a new location for worship and fellowship.

Evangelism opportunities presented themselves everywhere and we were committed to help as many people as possible understand their need for the Savior Jesus. Pastor Ruiz was scheduled to teach an 18-hour, three week MINTS seminary course on the Book of Colossians. God blessed Noé with this privilege, also. Pastor Ruiz is grateful to GTC for allowing this time for his recovery.



*To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Eph. 4:12 ESV*

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4. As reported last month, we were especially touched by our visit to Hogar Providencia, the orphanage in Santa Marta. There are 48 children living in the Hogar and 168 students are receiving education at the Christian school there.

However, we discovered that there is insufficient food for the children's daily nourishment, and insufficient beds for them, as well. We ask that you consider this for your April giving:

- ♥ \$250.00 will purchase a bunk bed. Sixteen are needed.
- ♥ \$2,400.00 per month will properly feed all the children for a month.

In closing, let me share with you the applications made as Noé preached on I John:

1. New birth by faith in Christ who is 100% man and God.
2. Love toward the brethren.
3. Hatred of sin and the practice of sin.
4. Reading and studying the Bible to know God and His Son Jesus.
5. If a Christian, then the Christian must become a member of a Christian Church.
6. Properly partake of the sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
7. Promote evangelism and present the Gospel to unbelievers.

Please consider helping GTC with the PEP program and with the needs of Hogar Providencia. Kindly write identify your designation on the memo line of your check: "Pastors" and/or "Hogar". When you give you are serving alongside us and the entire GTC family. Thank you, Dear Ones!

He is risen, indeed!

Blessings in Christ

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