

# GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

*Declare His glory among the nations,  
His wonders among all peoples. I Chronicles 16: 24 NKJV*

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Greetings, grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus.

My wife, Norma, and I had the opportunity to participate in the mission trip to Colombia during the month of June. Our granddaughters, Jessica and Erica Hoff, accompanied us as they wanted to see if God is calling them to the mission field after they finish their college education. It is a blessing to be able to personally write to you to tell you, by our firsthand experience, how God in his mercy is using GTC to expand His kingdom.

Over 24 conferences and workshops were presented. Four of these conferences, to women only, were given in four different cities by Mimi Acosta. She introduced the doctrines of grace through a study of women in the New Testament. The conferences were well attended and many ladies, who were invited by their Christian friends, heard the gospel for the first time.

Twenty conferences were given by the missionary team, which included the president of GTC, Bryant Skinner, and Noé Acosta. These conferences were mainly to pastors. It was reported that many pastors discovered, not only, the doctrines of grace, but also, the need to teach and preach, in expository manner, entire books of the bible—verse by verse. Some pastors were cut to the heart in repentance for neglecting the Bible, and publicly proclaimed their obligation to preach THE WORD. Other pastors confessed the doubt of their own Christianity, due to their inadequate training, and because they have been preaching the gospel for prosperity purposes. After the conferences approximately 100 pastors enrolled in the MINTS seminary program to study and to prepare themselves to honor God from the pulpit.

We were privileged to spend some time in Villavicencio, where Pastor Leonel Ortiz heads the MINTS seminary. He, not only, prepares pastors and missionaries academically, but also, invests time and effort in the development of character and commitment to the ministry for each one of his students.

Pastor Ortiz and his wife, Bélgica, began a school for children whose parents are extremely poor people and involved in many vices. Through these children, the “throw away people” of Villavicencio are coming to the Lord. We visited their huts where they live in total misery. However, at the school they “clean up” and don the school uniform and shoes provided for each. One could not tell that they were the same destitute children we met in the muddy huts. Pastor Ortiz is determined to give these children the same quality education that the more privileged receive. This is a work that requires much financial help and prayer.

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

Two more GTC teams will serve children and community in Santa Marta and Barranquilla this summer.

1. A team from Centro Cristiano Restauración who, under the leadership of Pastor Michael Gonzalez, left for Colombia on July 27.
2. Missionaries from Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia will go in August. We thank Dr. Bruce McDowell for his leadership in this project. Please keep his wife, Susan, in your prayers, that God will mercifully restore her to good health.

Please continue to support this ministry. As per my personal observation, GTC—by God’s goodness—has the potential to affect the entire church in Latin America by helping the pastors to return to the Bible and to sound doctrine.

Sincerely in Christ,

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