

GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. I John 4:11

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Dear Friends of GTC,

Exegesis and Basic Hermeneutics is the theme for the second round of conferences in the mentoring program throughout Colombia which takes place this month. How exciting to see so many more pastors desiring to have this program in their cities! The requests are coming in daily, but it is breaking our hearts at GTC when we are unable to add these pastors to the program for lack of funds.

One of the coordinators of the program sent this plea: *“Pastor Argemiro Uparela requested that we teach the first course in the city of Monte Libano. Pastor Uparela has committed over one hundred pastors who heard of this program and are eager to participate, beginning with a two day conference. Can GTC support us? We have two teachers ready to go. We are pleading with GTC to confirm if you can help. We really should take advantage of this great opportunity. Where else can we find 100 pastors, in one place, who want to learn to be better preachers by becoming acquainted with the doctrines of grace and the necessary preaching tools?”*



Pastor Mercado at right with Pastor Stan Line

In order for us to support this program in Monte Libano for a year we need a minimum of \$5,000 dollars to add this group. Think of it—100 pastors will take the Truth of the Gospel to their 100 churches in an area where Grace will break the bondage of fear and works. Pastor Alexander Mercado from Barranquilla wrote: *The GTC Pastors’ Mentoring Program, in such a short time, has proven to be extremely helpful. It is so wonderful to see the expansion of the true gospel—as the Reformers taught us. I began to observe that the chasm between lack of knowledge of the gospel and the preaching and teaching tools is so large that we definitely need to extend each course a few more weeks. I am convinced that the majority of the pastors are going to run with these teachings. However, this race is not a matter of speed, but a matter of endurance, patience and a great deal of compassion, love and fraternity. In Cartagena, the pastors demonstrated a mixture of superb interest and consternation, because the study of grammar, hermeneutic rules and methods of exegesis were excellent, but challenging. They indicated that if more time is*

dedicated to the conferences and the courses, they will be able to assimilate the concepts with more facility. We need to reconsider the teaching—to make it more practical and easier to digest, especially for those pastors who do not have formal education.”

GTC thanks the American and Colombian Reformed pastors who are coordinating and teaching in this mentoring project. We will work together to make the adjustments. Rev. Dr. Bruce McDowell, with his large team of missionaries from Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, is now in Colombia where he will be teaching and meeting with pastors and leaders.

Please pray and help GTC financially, so we can say *YES* to those 100 new pastors. Let’s thank God together for using you and GTC to bring the Reformation to the entire country of Colombia. To God be the glory!

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

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