

GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

This is a short report of God's blessings in the month of January:

- A. After traveling to Colombia, Rev. Dr. Bruce McDowell, Vice-President of GTC, wrote a report of which I extracted the following:

I went to see the construction at Los Olivos, a new church plant. It was also exciting to see pictures of the first group of 12 who were baptized and celebrating the Lord's Supper.

That first evening in Barranquilla I met with a group of church leaders, including a man who has the desire to plant a church in Cartagena.

My last day in Colombia, in Bogotá, I spoke to a group of 17 church leaders and pastoral candidates.

While in Santa Marta, I stayed with Pastor Jaime Leal and family. They helped me while I was suffering from fever and headaches. I still managed to speak on a few occasions, including giving my testimony on a television program. I also spoke at a hotel, as part of a discussion panel, on the five points of Calvinism. I taught the attributes of God to children from the neighborhood of Hogar Providencia, and preached at a new church plant that began as a children's outreach when our summer team was there last August. It was a blessing to see the response of the children that came to the Hogar, as 21 children prayed to receive Christ as their Savior.

- B. A large group of national GTC and MINTS leaders held a retreat in Bogotá on the last week of January. They reported that they spent time in prayer, devotionals, brainstorm sessions, and, in a great spirit of brotherhood, looked for ways of standardizing the MINTS curriculum in all the regions. They made plans to work together for a more effective educational and missionary work. This is one of the first large meetings of national leaders from all over the country without the intervention of international missionaries.
- C. Pastor Campo Elias, a MINTS graduate, planted a church a few years ago. As of January, it is the largest church in the Presbyterian denomination in Bogotá. God has blessed this church with faithful elders and deacons. The good problem is that the number of members has grown large for the current location. There is a building for sale nearby which will accommodate this growing congregation. GTC is looking for a \$75,000 dollar loan from a Christian investor who will help this congregation to purchase that building. Guaranteed by GTC, this church is able to pay for a mortgage at 6% or 7% interest. Please pray that God will move one or several investors to take advantage of this opportunity to put their resources at HIS service.

To the glory of Christ,

Gary Rogers, Director of Operations for GTC

[To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Eph 4:12 ESV](#)

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