

GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with my eye. Psalm 32:8*

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Dear Family of GTC,

Hoping on the promises of God, an exciting year lies ahead, as GTC initiates the first pastoral mentoring & discipling program! Lovingly named PEP, or Pastors Equipping Pastors, this new GTC endeavor is more than a program or project.

Firstly, PEP is being designed to give pastors the very tools that they need to put theology, doctrine and biblical knowledge that they obtain—or have obtained—to the day-to-day practice of their preaching and shepherding.

Secondly, PEP will encourage fellowship and accountability through lasting relationships among pastors—relationships that will strengthen the church throughout Colombia.

Please, Dear Ones, pray hard as the Board of Directors of GTC and the national pastors of Colombia finalize plans so that we—and you, through your prayers and contributions—will see the Church in Colombia grow strong and faithful to God's Holy Word.

Here are the wonderful words of encouragement that our Brothers in Christ, who traveled with us in December, say about the care that GTC has for the life of pastors in Colombia.

We are very grateful for the following testimony of Dr. R.C. Sproul, Jr.:

I travel for a reason- for the blessing of seeing the grace of God at work in places my myopic mind doesn't expect. God sends me for another reason, that I might learn from the saints I think I have been sent for. Colombia was no exception. Travelling with Gospel Through Colombia for nearly two weeks I was privileged to meet and visit with men of God, pastors committed to not only bringing Reformation to their nation, but re-formation to their own lives, and to the sheep under their care. I met Sergio, whose razor sharp mind is matched by his tender heart. I met Jaime whose flock includes not only the saints at his church, but the much beloved orphans he has rescued from the hard streets. I met Hector, and his sons, who serve the saints faithfully, even in the midst of personal hardship.



As we considered some heady themes touching on apologetics and philosophy, these good men kept their eyes on the prize, the glory of Jesus Christ, and the power of His gospel. I argued there that the Bible tells us not that our superior intellects win the day, but that Jesus tells us our love one for another will show the world that we belong to Him. I witnessed that love among these brothers. Too often, pastors see one another as competition. Through the faithful encouragement of GTC, and through the power of the gospel, these men see one another as brothers in arms. I got to see the kingdom being made manifest in Colombia.

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

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Pastor Keith Maddy wrote:

How I give thanks to the Lord for the invitation to participate in this historic, first time event for Colombia! It was thrilling to see so many reformed pastors, from various backgrounds, cities, and denominational preferences, gathered for purpose of mutual edification and encouragement. R.C. Sproul, Jr., as the keynote speaker with his theme centered upon apologetics, was well received by all. The rest of us, including several of their own number as Colombian pastors, were also greatly encouraged by the expressions of gratitude and testimonies of how they blessed.



The concept of mentoring pastors in their own communities was well presented and embraced by the gathering as a whole. The times of fellowship were rich and rewarding as reformed pastors, who were previously isolated, made new connections with like-minded brothers whom they met for the first time at the conference. My heart rejoiced at the prospect of lasting relationships being established with a view to the cooperation and collaboration which comes from such relationships.

May God bless the plans being considered and prayed over for future conferences in other cities in Colombia. May the dream of Colombia becoming the Geneva of South America come true, even as the historic reformation had so much success in its own unforgettable time. May God make Colombia a blessing to all of South America.

Rejoice with me, my Friends, and allow God to use you for this wonderful work! Please give what you are able to see Colombia, indeed, become THE COUNTRY DEDICATED TO THE TENETS OF THE FIRST REFORMATION: SOLA SCRIPTURA, SOLA FIDE, SOLA GRATIA, SOLUS CHRISTUS AND—SOLI DEO GLORIA!!!

Grace and Peace to you,

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