

GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one the Son wills to reveal Him. Matt. 11:27B

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The big news, by the mercy of God, is that the Theological Academy, under the oversight of the Gracia de Dios Reformed Church, will begin this September. God provided a farm on a beautiful spot on the mountains, 20 miles from the city of Medellin and 12 miles from the international airport. It is a joy to report that, by the mercy of God, an old "pig house" on the farm has already been beautifully transformed into a conference room with capacity for 100! A group of 25 members of Gracia de Dios Church donated their time to convert old farmhouses and stables into a temporary, but well-equipped place to house pastors and assistant pastors who will begin studies in the Academy. Most of the students are from Colombia; however, others are arriving from Peru, Bolivia and Argentina. The Academy will begin to operate in the current farm house which has dormitories and facilities for 32 men. Along with the makeovers of current buildings, there will be some new construction, eventuating into the first Spanish Latin American Reformed Theological Seminary of Colombia.

Professors and pastors from the United States, Dominican Republic, Colombia and other Latin American Nations will teach in this academy by intensive weekly modules. Two pastors and national teachers will be always available in the Academy to develop those courses and mentor the students.

The first professor from the United States is Dr. Don Kistler who will be in Colombia from August 31 to September 16. He will teach at the Academy for an entire week and, afterwards, travel to Barranquilla, Santa Marta and Riohacha to teach the pastoral mentoring groups who meet in those cities.



As part of his preaching and teaching ministry, Dr. Kistler has spoken at conferences with such notable figures as Dr. John MacArthur, Dr. R. C. Sproul, Dr. D. James Kennedy, Dr. J. I. Packer, Dr. John Gerstner, Elisabeth Elliot, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson, Dr. Michael Horton, Dr. Alistair Begg, Dr. Albert Mohler, Dr. James Montgomery Boice, and Rev. Eric Alexander, to name just a few.

Dr. Kistler is the author of the book, *A Spectacle Unto God: The Life and Death of Christopher Love*, and *Why Read the Puritans Today?* He is, also, editor of all the Soli Deo Gloria Puritan reprints, and contributing author of *Justification by Faith Alone*; *Sola Scriptura*; *Trust and Obey: Obedience and the Christian*; *Onward, Christian Soldiers: Protestants Affirm the Church*; and *Feed My Sheep: A Passionate Plea for Preaching*.

Please pray for Dr. Kistler's health during this rigorous trip, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon his teaching, for his financial resources for this mission trip, and for the operation of the Holy Spirit upon the pastors who will be learning the Doctrines of Grace from his teachings.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus Christ,

Robert Coleman, GTC Assistant Director

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

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