

# GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing,  
yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:16*

June 2012

Dear Friends of GTC,

We are pleading for your prayers this month for very specific needs.

1. Pastor Luis Avendano of Bogota shared with us the news that his wife, Luz Marina, is suffering from an aggressive cancer that is threatening her life. Pastor Avendaño wrote: *My dear wife is very sick. The doctors do not give us any hope. It is a very aggressive cancer. We are sure that our God is never late and his will is always perfect. If He is pleased to raise her up from this illness or not, blessed be His Holy Name. I am saying this with great deal of grief and sadness, but with hope only in HIM.*

*...so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (Phil. 1: 20b-21)*

God has blessed Pastor Avendaño with a great ministry. He pastors the largest church in Bogota, working diligently through the process of bringing about a fully Reformed congregation. God richly used Luz Marina in an extensive women's ministry in the church. While in seemingly good health, she recently organized and hosted the GTC women's retreat in early May. You may encourage Pastor Avendaño by writing to him at his e-mail. ([pastorluis@vivayeficaz.org](mailto:pastorluis@vivayeficaz.org))

2. During the month of June, Pastor Leonel Ortiz will be teaching, preaching and encouraging pastors in the remote jungle and wilderness of Mitu, the Southeast region of Colombia. For several years he has trained indigenous pastors and sent them back to their lands under the leadership of a strong missionary pastor and teacher. Today, there are several Reformed churches in that section and the gospel fire is gloriously burning. It is a difficult and dangerous trip for Pastor Leonel and his wife, Belgica. From the city of Villavicencio it will take several days to reach their destination, as they travel by small plane, canoe and mule. Please pray that God will richly bless their gospel labors.
3. GTC is planning the July Pastors' Mentoring Program module in all the cities where mentoring centers are established. The module, entitled *Marks of A Healthy Church*, will present the following topics: Preaching; Sacraments; Church Discipline; Church Membership; Theology; Worship; Understanding the Gospel; Understanding of Conversion; Evangelism; Development of Leadership; and Christian Discipleship and Christian Maturity.

Two teams of teachers and pastors will be presenting this module, with the book, [Nine Marks of a Healthy Church](#), by Dr. Mark E. Dever, as a primary resource.

We thank God for your participation in this ministry. To God alone be the glory in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bryant Skinner, President

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

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