

GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. 2 Tim: 4:2A NKJV

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The October Expository Preaching Pastors' conferences were successful beyond our expectation. We thank Dr. John MacArthur and Dr. R.C. Sproul for sending such gifted speakers, as Pastors Henry Tolopilo, Kevin Edwards, Michael Mahoney and Burk Parsons. Pastor Parsons had to return early because of illness, but his presence in Colombia was a great encouragement. The conference attendance was so great that, even by limiting registration, there were over 1800 hundred attendants in the three cities. A television cable company recorded over 12 hours, which will be aired throughout Latin America.

A conference participant, B.F. Orozco wrote: "This conference gave us a great deal of joy and encouragement to see the doctrines of grace arriving with purity, clarity, authority, unashamed, and without obscuring the gospel. The select group of presenters unconditionally proclaimed the Gospel and represented well our Holy God. They used the glorious sword of the Word of God without apologies or compromise. We heard, with admiration and joy, each exposition, which was strongly delivered, as if the historic reformers themselves were speaking. You spoke clearly and direct to the heart. The themes were often controversial, sensitive, and new for the Latin American church, but presented with love, compassion, and with the demonstration of the power of the absolute authority of Sacred Scripture. This conference demonstrated to be a great awakening for the church. I encourage GTC to continue these kinds of conferences, especially since many pastors in Colombia have been departing from the Word, teaching non-biblical doctrines, due to ignorance or wrong theology, through lack of preparation.

I congratulate all of you for the authority that you demonstrated as you taught such difficult doctrines in such a masterful way--under the absolute superintendency of the Holy Spirit. Please give my greetings and gratitude to those two giants of the faith, Dr. John MacArthur and Dr. R.C. Sproul, for their books and for sending these servants. Their ambassadors became great instruments in the hands of God. This conference is truly historical of Latin America. We plead with you and GTC that this type of education to pastors will continue with a great deal of frequency. God bless you and GTC contributors."



Bogota October 2009



Medellin October 2009



Tolopilo left, Edwards right, with Julio Benitez

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

GTC Board member, Ed Sutherland, who is also a Gideon, reported that over 1,000,200 bibles were distributed in Bogota and Medellin, at the same time that the conferences were taking place. *O land, land, land, hear the Word of the LORD!* Jer. 22:29 ESV

In the month of August, Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, under the leadership of Pastor Bruce McDowell, sent a team of missionaries to Santa Marta and Barranquilla. The missionaries were Linda Barbour, Matthew Wright, Jesse Ruhl, Harry Landrum, Rachel Kuipers, Jane Capeller, Larry Buffington, Neal Deibler, Lindsay Feenstra, Kathryn Stephens, Jacob Stephens and Clara Hernandez, who stepped in as a leader in place of Pastor McDowell who could not go.

This team of medical professionals and other servants labored with the children of *Hogar Providencia*, as well as, the communities of the cities of Santa Marta and Barranquilla--by providing mercy ministries while proclaiming the gospel. Over 910 patients were given medical attention. The team brought 1,400 pairs of prescription glasses to Colombia and 550 grateful people benefitted from this gift. Many people could not afford to buy the prescribed medicine, but the team managed to contribute to purchase the needed medicine for them. A dentist on the team gave lessons to children on proper dental hygiene, which included gifts of toothbrush and toothpaste. Besides the medical team, there were teachers, musicians, architects, mechanics, translators and all eager to proclaim the Gospel. God gave Rachel Kuipers, a musician, the opportunity to perform at a fund raising concert accompanied by a local pianist in a beautiful concert hall in Santa Marta.

The team members would like to thank their contributors for their support and prayers.

Clara Hernandez assessed the needs of Hogar Providencia as requiring \$2,500 dollars per month to adequately care for the children living there. This budget has not been met.

We thank God for allowing GTC to provide a needed pastors' educational ministry, and also to help with the mercy ministry of Hogar Providencia. Both budgets are very short of funds.

As we begin to see the close of 2009, please consider a special end-of-year gift to GTC. As a recipient of the monthly GTC Newsletters, prayerfully reflect on the wonderful work of Our Savior in Colombia and throughout Latin America. It is through your gift that the Gospel of Grace and reverent church reform are being taught faithfully and diligently to pastors through the educational program of GTC. What an impact on the church and communities in the enormous area of South America! *Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth.* Ps. 115:1 NKJV

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, GTC is thankful for the many contributors to the ministry of GTC. Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Sincerely in Christ,

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