

GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Luke 12:16

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GTC salutes Calvary Presbyterian Church of Willow Grove, PA, on the celebration of its 75th Anniversary. Gospel Through Colombia was born under the leadership of Pastor Richard W. Tyson and this congregation. He served as the first GTC president and is now a member of the Board of Directors. Pastor Tyson traveled several times to Colombia to meet with local pastors and leaders and to teach and participate in seminarians graduation ceremonies. We are grateful to Pastor Rick and our family of Calvary Presbyterian Church for their years of support and encouragement to GTC.



Thanks to all who contributed for the purchase of bunk beds for the children of Hogar Providencia. All the children have beds now. Glory to God, who allowed you to be generous in this regard! We, also, praise God for the Salt and Light Ministry of St. Andrew's Chapel and their special attention to this need, and to Henrietta Shisler, for her leadership in these projects.



A hearty *Thank You* goes also to the contributors of the Hogar Providencia Chicken Coop Project. Even the children of the VBS at Calvary Presbyterian Church of Willow Grove, PA, made this their special ministry gift. Bless your hearts!



I was privileged to present three Women's conferences on the Book of Ruth. Ladies commented on the incredible depth of such a little book. After studying each chapter we sang Christmas carols—praising our Kinsman-Redeemer, Jesus!

Here is a photo of the participants of Gracia y Amor Church of Bogota. We were in La Vega, a serene mountain retreat.

*Trust in the LORD with
all your heart, and
lean not on your own
understanding; in all
your ways acknowledge
Him, and He shall direct
your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

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

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Bryant Skinner and Noé Acosta visited Pastors' Mentoring groups throughout the country. A review of Hermeneutics and Exegesis was taught for up to seven hours per group. The first three hours were used in giving basic rules of Bible interpretation, such as the meanings of words in the current and original languages within context, the meaning of sentences, paragraphs, chapters and books of the Bible, taking into account the context, who writes, why and to whom, the literary genre, the figures of speech, the syntaxes, the parts of speech, the grammar and the care that will have to be given to parables and allegoric language. Much time was devoted to the interpretation of many passages in the Bible that are difficult, due to the lack of proper exegeses and hermeneutics. When the rules were systematically applied, the pastors had no problems understanding the Doctrines of Grace.



They, also, visited a remote city, Riohacha, and a group that is new to GTC. This eager group validated the need for GTC Mentoring groups.

A leader of a new group in Riohacha wrote: *We greet you in the name of our Lord to whom we serve and who is supremely sufficient. We know that you were sent by God. After you left Riohacha, many pastors have come privately to tell me about the errors they preached and how they felt repentance and moved by the Holy Spirit when they were confronted with the Scriptures by the manner in which you presented the truth. Among the fifty four who are participating in the modules in this city, there is a faithful pastor who has visited me three times to study serious biblical questions using the rules of interpretation that you presented using Dr. R. C. Sproul's book, Knowing the Scriptures. He told me that this conference shocked his theological world. One thing is to tell you about it, another is to see the joy and the motivation of all the pastors here in Riohacha. I must say as Dr. C Spurgeon said, 'God has visited us by bringing a revival to this city.' This happened as the result of the correct exposition of Sacred Scriptures.*

These are good times for the Gospel and for the Church of Christ here in Riohacha. Please, brothers, do not stop this Pastors' Mentoring Program. Our confidence is really in the Grace of God, who always brings to term what He has begun.

Please pray for Pastor Harry Stoliker from Emmanuel Baptist Church of Schooley's Mountain, N.J. He will be teaching the next module with Pastor Julio Benitez, the topics being: Preparing to Preach and Expository Preaching. His mission will begin on November 1, 2011.

With so many blessings, I am astounded—but not surprised—by our Eternal, Infinite and Sovereign Father. We serve a Mighty God! Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of GTC.

Praising Him, alongside you,

Mimi Acosta,
GTC Secretary