

# GTC GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity. Psalm 133:1*

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Dear GTC Family,

As always, whenever the Good Lord sends us to minister to others—we are the ones who get blessed! In the beautiful city of Villavicencio, Rev. Leonel Ortiz, a graduate of MINTS through the GTC program, with his wife, Belgica, coordinated the SECOND NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE REFORMED BETHANY CHURCHES OF VILLAVICENCIO, COLOMBIA – AUGUST 13-16, 2010. Noé and I were invited to participate in this special event that included a Pastors' Study and Women's Conference. Men and women of Presbyterian and Reformed Baptist churches gathered at the opening service where Pastor Ortiz preached on Psalm 133. The family of Christ enjoyed the "good and pleasant" event!



Women's Conference, Villavicencio 2010



Over the three days of the Women's Conference, I had the privilege of presenting an expository study of the Book of Ruth. I was amazed at how this dear group of 115 ladies, grasped, with heart and mind, God's magnificent salvation plan through Jesus, our Kinsman-Redeemer. We sang Christmas carols after each chapter study. Christmas in August? Why not? After all, the Book of Ruth takes place in Bethlehem!



Rev. Ortiz has devoted his life to nurture faithful men to pastor churches in his city and in the surrounding areas, including the Amazon jungle. He and his church team poured their life in the training of pastors, following the curriculum of Miami International Seminary and specially designed courses to help equip dedicated shepherds. During this conference, several men were diligently examined and ordained during the Sunday service.



Leonel Ortiz (left) had the honor of ordaining Fabio Cano, Javier Gil, Cesar Betancourt, Fabio Mendoza, Mauricio Caicedo, and Daniel Lopez.

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

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In addition to the ordination of pastors, the Southern Presbytery was established. Seventeen Reformed churches are part of this presbytery, the largest in Colombia. Our Heavenly Father permitted GTC to participate in the formation of these presbyteries.



Pastor Leonel Ortiz writes: “We want to share with you our joy regarding the formation of the Presbytery of the Reformed Churches of Southern Colombia. We thank NEM, MNC in Colombia and the help provided by GTC. We thank Dr. Noé S. Acosta for his leadership and participation as the conference speaker and consultant. We also give thanks to God for Mimi as she addressed 115 ladies as the main ladies speaker during this conference. The following picture shows some participants in the founders’ meeting of the Southern Presbytery.”



From left to right: Jacir Martínez, Mauricio Caicedo, Fabio Mendoza, Cesar Betancourt, Leonel Ortiz, Favio Cano, Daniel López, Miguel Ramírez, Javier Gil, Noé Acosta, Andrés Espinosa y Germán Díaz

GTC is grateful for the hard work of Pastor Leonel Ortiz, his wife Bélgica, and the Bethany Church in Villavicencio in coordinating this joyful convention.

Following the successful example of Pastor Ortiz, and Pastor Guillermo Gomez of Bogota, the national leaders of GTC would like to establish one academy in each of five major areas throughout Colombia. Each academy will offer four modules per year. After the contribution from the churches and individual pastors, the cost to GTC for each module will be \$2,500.00. This covers the expenses for one full week of intense study, materials, food, and lodging---FOR FIFTY PASTORS per Academy! Just think of the impact of the Word of God throughout Colombia!

If you or your church would desire to fund one module, please contact GTC. May God be glorified as you prayerfully consider your part in this new GTC effort, remembering His goodness. Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth. Psalm 115:1

Love and Peace in Christ,

Mimi Acosta