

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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God has blessed the GTC Pastors' Mentoring Program in Colombia in ways that are beyond any expectations. Since the budget does not permit us to have full mentoring programs for all, we try to offer extensive theological conferences. After attending one conference pastors begged GTC national leaders to establish the mentoring programs in their cities and towns. We would like to help them, but we do not have sufficient funds. Would you help GTC? Will you be able to talk to a friend or to your church regarding this need? When you continue reading, your heart will leap with delight to see how God is expanding His Kingdom in Colombia.

Montelíbano is a town, nestled in the middle of the mountains between the borders of Northwest Colombia and Southeast Panama, about ten hours to the Southwest of Cartagena. Unlike the major cities of Colombia, which are safe places, Montelíbano is so remote that the area is quite dangerous. Because of the difficult mountainous terrain and jungle region in the nearby Pacific coast, it is difficult for law enforcement to operate. For this reason, kidnapping is possible, and GTC cannot take pastors and teachers from North America there.



A few pastors from Montelíbano attended GTC conferences and mentoring in one of the cities, traveling 10 hours each way. When they returned to Montelíbano they shared what they had learned with other pastors of the town and the region. Their enthusiasm was so great that 136 pastors from the mountain towns and adjacent regions campaigned to have this GTC mentoring program in Montelíbano. Many of these pastors did not complete high school. Others admitted that they have not read the entire Bible. Only a few of them have had some basic

theological training. Yet, these same pastors serve congregations of 30, 40, even 250 people, and they are eager to participate in the mentoring program—in Montelíbano.

GTC sent two national reformed pastors, with Master of Divinity degrees, to Montelíbano to provide a series of conferences and modules. National professors will go every two months. As of yet, there are no reliable teachers there to continue the mentoring of pastors between these conferences. By the mercy of God, two men, with Master degrees, offered to go as missionaries, to live there and serve as teacher-mentors, between modules.



**GTC provided resources for mentoring program—
with your contributions!**

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

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Pastor Mercado in Montelibano

The harvest is ready for the Gospel of Grace in Montelibano, and these two missionaries are ready to serve! Are you, Dear Friend of GTC, ready to send support for these missionaries? The monthly budget for each missionary teacher, who will live in Montelibano, would be only \$300.00. The expenses of the itinerant teachers and their materials would average about \$200 dollars per month. This is a small amount for a great investment in the Kingdom of God.

Imagine a revival of that entire region—one that will result in the transformation of minds and hearts. We would like to encourage you, Brother and Sister, or your church, your family, your Bible study group to commit support for one of these missionaries for one year. Please prayerfully consider this.



2. We welcome back Rev. Dr. Bruce McDowell and his team from Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia who just returned from Colombia where they taught, worked in the children's home and provided medical services to the children and the community in Santa Marta.

3. Please pray for Bryant Skinner Jr., Noé S. Acosta and Mimi Acosta who, at this moment, are teaching in Colombia. Mimi will again present the Book of Ruth at three women's conferences in Bogotá and surrounding towns.

Noe and Bryant will travel to: Cartagena on 9/2; Barranquilla 9/3-4; Santa Marta 9/5-6; Rioacha 9/6; Bogota 9/7-9; Fusa 9/10-11; (Bryant to Medellin 9/10-12). The title of the conference is Basic Rules of Hermeneutics and the Importance of Grammar and Syntaxes in Bible Interpretation. A large portion of this conference will be based on the books, Knowing Scripture, by Dr. R.C. Sproul, and Redemptive History and The New Testament Scriptures, by Herman N. Ridderbos.

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Abundant grace and peace in Christ,

Noé S. Acosta, GTC Executive Director