

# 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, reprove, rebuke, and exhort,  
with complete patience and teaching. 2 Tim. 4:2*

Blessings upon you, Dear Friends of GTC,

The highlight of my April trip to Cali was the presentation of the gospel to thousands in a stadium on Maundy Thursday. After a theological workshop to pastors of all denominations, the president of a large Pentecostal organization provided me with the opportunity to take the place of their guest preacher from the United States who had to cancel at the last moment. An all night vigil, ending on Good Friday morning, had been planned, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday.

Much to my dismay and heartfelt concern, the program consisted of hired musical groups, who sang the same hymns many times and performed *holy dancing* until 10 p.m. At 10 p.m., there was an offertory ceremony lasting one full hour, and extended pleas for money were made repeatedly.

Finally at 11 p.m., it was announced that I was going to preach for two and a half hours. I was prepared to preach *The Seven Last Expressions of Jesus on the Cross*. Yet, what I saw was an immediate need in this audience for the gospel of Grace. I used every moment of the time with an expository message that was packed with the truth of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and to the Glory of God alone, and under the supreme authority of the Holy Bible alone. The Holy Spirit empowered me, thanks to the many prayers being poured out for this mission trip. I taught how someone becomes a child of God (John 1:10-13) and what does it mean to be born again. I told them that all that singing, dancing and the whole night vigil was of no eternal value if they were not children of God. An estimated 10% left the stadium within the first 10 minutes, but the rest stayed to the end. Their applause and *amen's* indicated to me that there was understanding.

I left at about 1:45 a.m., thanking God for His mercy in giving me this great Gospel opportunity.

Regarding the GTC modules, Pastor German Yepes from Riohacha wrote: *GTC is bringing to reality a dream born in my heart the moment I was impacted with the Doctrines of Grace. This dream was that these doctrines be taught to many pastors in this far away Guajira desert. God heard our prayer and sent capable GTC teachers. GTC planted a little tree here. Today it already has a trunk, tender leaves and, would you believe, we can see already flowers and small fruits! We expect that God will allow you and us to care for this little tree with the same faith, passion, knowledge of the Word and tender care. There is sufficient reason to cry out to God with thanksgivings and with petitions that you are not going to abandon this teaching mission that GTC began here. There are in this region 25 pastors and leaders who have made the commitment to continue the studies even if it takes five years. We pray for you and the GTC contributors. These are good times for the Gospel.* Pastor Yepes' E-mail is: [ipr.riohacha@gmail.com](mailto:ipr.riohacha@gmail.com)

We thank God for you, your prayers and your support for this mission. The giving has been small these last few months and we are \$4,000 dollars short in our budget. Please know that no one takes a salary at GTC. You may rest on the fact that over 90% donations go directly to the mission field that spreads the Gospel of Christ.

Grace and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Noé S. Acosta

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

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