

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

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GTC invites friends and contributors to two significant events that will take place in Medellin (December 2014) and Cartagena (February 2015).

I. Fifth Reformed National Convention will take place in beautiful Cartagena from February 9 to 12, 2015. The title of the convention is *The Church against the Gates of Hell*. The total cost of this bilingual convention is \$150.00 per person. The fee includes room and board. There are direct flights from the USA to Cartagena. The speakers are:

Pastor Burk Parsons, co-pastor of St. Andrew's Chapel, Editor of Ligonier Ministries' Table Talk Magazine, editor of two books, *Assured by God* and *Calvin, a Heart for Devotion, Doctrine and Doxology*, author of *Why We Have Creeds?* A well-known national and international speaker, his topics are: *After Darkness, Light and Unashamed of The Gospel*.

Dr. Thomas Woodward, Trinity College Professor, author of books *Darwin Strikes Back* and *Doubts about Darwin*. He is Founder and Director of the C.S. Lewis Society. He will teach on *Intelligent Design against Evolution and Spontaneous Creation by a Big Bang Explosion of... Nothing*. Dr. Woodward will donate his books and Intelligent Design DVD's.

Dr. Christian Aguirre Del Pino, Peruvian Christian Engineer, Oil Company Executive, President of the Latin American Intelligent Design Foundation and author of many books including *The Origin of Cosmic Information*, will teach with Dr. Woodward and will participate in televised public debates against atheist professors at local universities in Cartagena and Medellin. He also will teach with Dr. Woodward at SRL.

Pastor Sugel Michelen, co-pastor of Iglesia Biblica, a large reformed congregation in the Dominican Republic, regular translator at Ligonier Conferences and international speaker, will deal with *Truth Against Relativism and Postmodernism; False Teachers; Prosperity and Social Gospel*.

Pastor Jonathan Christman and Pastor Keith Maddy, co-pastors of Heritage Baptist Church, a reformed congregation in Owensboro, KY, will speak on the topic of *Homosexuality and Satan's Attack upon the Family*. They will bring reformed books as gifts for pastors who attend the convention.

Dr. Sergio Ruiz, M.D., and Dr. Julio Benitez, author of eight books and SRL President, co-pastors of Gracia de Dios Reformed Church in Medellin, will speak on *The Purity of the Church: the Weapon of the Word; The History of the Church Apostasies and Corruption When a "Small Crack" is Open to the World and Hell*.

Dr. Noé S. Acosta, ex-priest candidate, founder of GTC and SRL Chancellor will present a brief introduction to the convention and an overview of all the topics, under the title, *Is My Kingdom of this World?*

II. Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano Graduation Ceremony on 12/21/2014. Enjoy a visit to the beautiful farm where SRL is located and encourage the graduates who will go back to their cities and regions to promote reformation in their congregations. There will be great opportunities to fellowship and establish relationships with other Christians, while enjoying the exciting graduation ceremony and experiencing the beauty of Medellin and the Kingdom of God in that city. Earphones will be provided for simultaneous translation for English speakers.

There is more information about these events at the GTC web or at www.seminariosrl.org If you are able, please consider supporting GTC with a special gift this month. Your help will be a tremendous encouragement at this time. God has provided a great group of seminarians, plus many pastors who attend modules regularly. We would gladly receive any extra help that you can provide.

On the second page there is a report by Dr. Sergio Ruiz of his teaching in Peru. We pray that you will be encouraged.

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Dr. Sergio Ruiz recently taught in the region of Piura, north of Perú. Dr. Ruiz delivered free books to the pastors and encouraged the reformed churches in that region, which now have increased to nearly 40.



After a flood in his house, while he was still practicing medicine, Dr. Ruiz lost his entire library. The only books that were not damaged were Calvin's Institutes of Religion that someone gave to him. He read those books and was totally convinced of the biblical reality of the doctrines of grace, became a fervent student of theology, partnered with GTC and pastored a small reformed congregation, which has now grown to near 300. He was ordained in this church.

Dr. Ruiz, in this adjacent picture, traveled with 8 people, in a small car for 8 hours on a dirt road through the Andes Mountains to teach these pastors. Fifteen years ago, GTC

made contact with these pastors in Peru, when Noé S. Acosta and Richard Bennett gave a two week reformed seminar to about 100 pastors, responding to an invitation from William Chambers, a Baptist pastor, who was not reformed, but began that work over 30 years ago. Pastor Paul Washer and his team also provided discipleship in that region.

Dr. Ruiz is recommending that GTC open a branch of the Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano in that region of Peru and begin to send professors from Colombia to teach there. This is what Gospel "through" Colombia means. Peru is ripe for Reformation now!

Please see video regarding the building of the SRL chapel at: <http://vimeo.com/102373720>