

GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

Equipping Church leaders in Colombia to proclaim the gospel throughout Latin America
And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. (Matthew 10:22a, RSV)

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BOLIVIAN PASTOR MATEO CRUZ UNDER ATTACK BECAUSE OF REFORMATION



PASTOR OF THE MONTH - Pastor Mateo Cruz of Bolivia (left). God continues to use Colombia as the epicenter for the expansion of the Reformation in Latin America. Pastor Sergio Ruiz, professor at Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano, was sent to teach in Peru in September, and to Bolivia in October. Dr. Ruiz gave much encouragement to Pastor Mateo and to the Reformed churches in Bolivia.

Dr. Ruiz gave this report: *Pastor Mateo Cruz was president of Christian Evangelical Union, a non reformed denomination of about 800 churches where he served for 30 years. After he became knowledgeable of the Doctrines of Grace, he taught them everywhere in Bolivia. Under his leadership, 18 churches became Reformed. Because of his teachings of the doctrines of grace, Pastor Mateo was condemned as heretical by the Christian Evangelical Union, and expelled from that organization. Reformed doctrines are opposed to prosperity gospel and other antibiblical practices. This month, on November 11, 2014, a judgment will be presented against him and a public excommunication will take place. An official declaration of anathema will be pronounced against him and the new Reformed churches. They are calling fire and destruction from heaven upon Pastor Mateo and those churches. Some fear that Pastor Mateo may even suffer physical harm. What a similarity to the abuses against the 16th century reformers."*

This past year, Pastor Mateo attended the Reformed Pastors Convention in Cali, Colombia. He also sent several pastors and ministerial candidates to study at the Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano in Medellin. Please pray alongside us for Pastor Mateo who is doing a diligent work for the Kingdom of God in Bolivia.



WHERE ARE SRL GRADUATES NOW? 1. Juan Espinal is working as a missionary in Quibdo, Ecuador an extremely hot and humid city and home to 300,000 very poor people. With the help of GTC, Gracia de Dios Church of Medellin established a church in Quibdo in 1999. Emmanuel Bible Church, Schooley's Mountain, NJ, also helps to support the missionaries there. God has blessed SRL graduate, Juan Espinal, by allowing him to endure the difficult climate and to faithfully teach what the Bible says in Quibdo. Pray that Juan or another SRL graduate will become a permanent pastor there. The little church has its own building, an apartment for a pastor and is now self-supportive. He said: *I am practicing all I learned at SRL. I learned much, especially from the conduct and example of the teachers.*



2. Oscar Contreras returned from SRL to serve in his local church. He actively participates in the ministry. When he preaches, he practices what he learned at SRL. He places great importance on sermon preparation and clear delivery of expository sermons. Please pray for Oscar and his local church as they continue to advance God's kingdom in Bogota, Colombia.

GTC Annual Banquet – Thursday March 26, 2015, at Westin Hotel, Lake Mary, FL.

Guest Speakers: Dr. Liam Goligher, Senior Pastor at Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, and Dr. Sergio Ruiz, Pastor of Gracia de Dios Church in Medellin. Music by recording artist, Pastor Steven Camp.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. May God richly bless you.
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[To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Eph. 4:12 ESV](#)

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