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He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. (John 1:11, NJKV)



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Persecution of Pastors in Bolivia Sparks Reformation



In the past month letter we requested your prayers for Pastor Mateo Cruz who was scheduled to be publicly expelled from his denomination on November 11. By God's mercy the demonstration against him and other 18 pastors who embraced the Doctrines of Grace took place with great tension, but without harm to the pastors. The reformed pastors, with the help of Colombian Pastor Oscar Gómez, a missionary from *Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano*, held a conference under a blue tent to explain Pastor Mateo's reasons to stand firm for the truth of the bible. The conference was extended for several days. Hundreds of people attended, along with many pastors. As a result, 11 more churches joined the reformers.

Pastor Gómez wrote: As a result of this public persecution, Bolivia became an open harvest ready for the reformation. There is hunger for the Word of God, not only in the cities, but also in the rural areas. They all are looking to Colombia as the source of missionaries, professors, theological education and support to move ahead with the reformation in Bolivia. They are actually crying out to have an extension of the SRL there, or the possibility of sending 20 pastors to study in Colombia. The night before I left, over 120 people gathered, beginning at 9:15 p.m., asking me to continue to preach the doctrines of grace. I could not stop crying as all of these people said good bye, expressing enthusiasm and gratitude by hugging and kissing me. Over 30 men and pastors accompanied me to the airport, eager to learn more— even to the last minutes of my time in Bolivia.

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Please continue to pray and provide financial support for GTC works to meet the ever increasing educational needs of ministers of the gospel, not only in Colombia, but also, Ecuador, Perú and, now, Bolivia. Your contributions are tax deductible. Only one person receives a modest salary in the USA. Except for frugal administrative expenses, all funds are used in the mission field. Professors and missionaries travel at their own expense. Please consider an end-of-year contribution that will help us to meet the budget and prepare us to receive the large number of new students in January who will study at SRL, using its full capacity. Each student costs GTC \$5,000.00 per year. Each seminarian can only contribute with \$500.00 per year.

With gratitude that cannot be expressed with words, we thank God and pray for you. Have a Blessed Christmas.

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