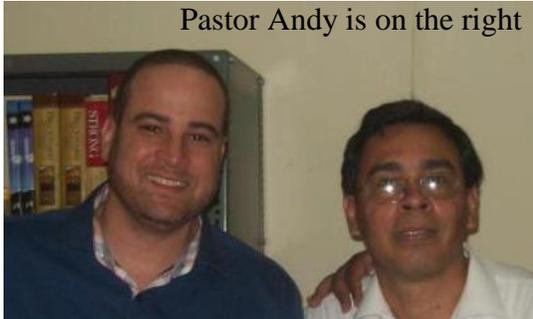


GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA

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

February 2015

During the month of January we were blessed with the visit of two pastors and their wives from the city of Balboa in Panama. Pastors Andy De La Cruz and Jose Lam attended services at St. Andrews' Chapel and Grace Chapel in Sanford, FL. The services at these congregations provided magnificent examples of true and reverent worship of the Holy God in Reformed congregations. They commented that it was a tremendous learning experience.



Pastor Andy was the pastor of an Arminian congregation located in front of the administration building of the Panama Canal. When Pastor Andy became acquainted with reformed pastors and teachers trained with the help of GTC, he began to read and attend seminars, conferences and classes that motivated him to search the Scriptures about the doctrines of grace. He was not fully convinced, but after learning expository preaching, he decided to preach from the book of Romans. As he was preaching, he was confronted with the doctrines of grace and he himself began to understand them along with his congregation as he continued to preach. He did not realize that he himself and his congregation were becoming reformed.

One day, his denomination called him to an event where they were going to discipline a pastor who was teaching heretical doctrines. When he arrived at the meeting, he realized that Pastor Andy himself was the pastor to be disciplined for teaching Calvinism. In vain, he tried to tell them that he was not preaching Calvin but the book of Romans. The denomination gave Pastor Andy some time to stop that teaching, but he could not. He was compelled by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God to preach the gospel. After a year a congregational vote was taken to expel Pastor Andy but by then, the majority of the congregation had become reformed and voted Pastor Andy to stay as their pastor. Pastor Andy invited GTC associates and teachers who gave his congregation doctrinal support, including Pastor Javier Gil, Dr. Noé Acosta, Dr. Julio Benitez, MINTS and others. After almost five years of intense suffering and persecution, this congregation became the first Reformed congregation in Panama and the center for the expansion of the reformation in that country. Pastor Andy told us that there are already nine Reformed congregations in Panama. Pastor Andy trained a new pastor for his church, while he himself moved to the city of Colon to plant another congregation. GTC has the privilege to partner with Pastor Andy and his team in the spreading of the doctrines of grace in that country. Pastor Andy and several pastors from Panama will attend the Fifth Reformed Convention in Cartagena this month. Pastors from ten different countries registered to attend this convention.

GTC ANNUAL BANQUET

Please make plans to attend the GTC banquet on the 26th of March in Florida. Please see the flyer on the back of this newsletter for more information. There are many exciting developments to share with you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mimi 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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Gospel Through Colombia Annual Banquet

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Liam Goligher, Sr. Minister, 10th Presbyterian Church,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Guest Speaker: Dr. Sergio Ruiz, Pastor,
Reformed Baptist Church Gracia de Dios,
Medellin, Colombia

Thursday Evening, March 26, 2015
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North
2974 International Parkway, Lake Mary, Florida 32746

Come and learn about the educational ministry of GTC in Latin America.
Enjoy an evening of dining, fellowship, prayer, music and hymns.

Entrées: Herb Roasted Chicken Breast, Parmesan Crusted Fish or Mushroom
Ravioli

Price is \$40.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity

For reservations and entrée choice, please contact Mr. Robert Coleman at
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Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 1 Cor. 9:16b