

USRL VISITING PROFESSOR COMMENTS



Dr. Mitch Chase, Pastor of Kosmosdale Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, wrote: *“I so enjoyed teaching in Medellín with the excellent students there. They were hospitable, welcoming, and engaged in our topic, Testament: The New Testament Use of the Old. For a week, we explored biblical texts and sought to see Christ exalted. The students were a great blessing to me, and I pray that the seeds of our week together will continue to bear good fruit in their minds and hearts. I enjoyed sharing meals together and getting to know one another. The students show love for one another and for their school, and I know this greatly glorifies the Lord. Praise be to God for USRL!”*



Pastor Gary Carter of Free Grace Church of Tampa Bay wrote, *“Thank you so much for the privilege of going to USRL Seminary in Medellín. Those young men are the most theologically hungry, humble, spiritual, serious, and intelligent group of students that I have taught in a very long time! Acts20:24.”*

USRL GRADUATES ARE PLANTING REFORMED CHURCHES AND GTC REFORMED CONVENTION INSPIRED PASTORS TO REFORM THEIR CONGREGATIONS

Dr. Sergio Ruiz visited regions where USRL graduates are planting churches. He wrote: *“These past two weeks I visited pastors on the field in the regions of Carepa and Cucuta near Venezuela. In Carepa, Lemuel Novoa and Juan Carlos Novoa, graduates of Universidad SRL, planted a successful reformed church. Members of the church already donated funds to purchase a lot of land to build the sanctuary.”*



In Cucuta, Pastor Ricardo Ramírez, after returning from the GTC Reformed Convention in Cartagena, began successfully to reform several congregations. Please pray for this pastor and his co-pastor, Samuel Pinzón, who face great challenges in these missionary efforts.”

Pastor Ruiz also encouraged another pastor, Nestor Ortega, who continues to study, with understanding, the doctrines of grace. He is already planting a reformed church in his home town near Venezuela.

USRL SEMINARY SATELLITE PLANS FOR BOLIVIA AND PERU

Dr. Julio Benitez, USRL president, travels to Bolivia this month to sign a formal agreement to begin a branch of the Seminary USRL in Bolivia. He will teach the first course there and plan the seminary branch, alongside Bolivian Pastor Mateo and several USRL Bolivian graduates. These graduates will serve as assistant professors and the academic infrastructure for that campus. A building has already been acquired at no cost to GTC.

In November, Dr. Julio Benítez and Dr. Noé S. Acosta will travel to Perú to teach the first courses there. They will discuss, with Pastor Siancas and several Peruvian graduates from USRL, plans to start a USRL Seminary branch in Perú. The Peruvian brothers already have a large building available at no cost to GTC.

USRL PLANS TO TRAIN VENEZUELAN PASTORS AND SEMINARIANS

A group of pastors and students from Venezuela is expected to study at USRL next year. In this way GTC will begin to prepare an infrastructure of leaders to eventually open USRL in Venezuela.

APRIL REFORMED THEOLOGICAL CONVENTION IN MEDELLIN APRIL 5 TO 8

Pastors from all over Latin America and USA have responded with great anticipation to attend this convention. Already nearly 100 people from the USA have expressed an interest in attending the convention.

Convention Speakers: Pastor Sugel Michelén, Iglesia Bíblica, Dominican Republic, Dr. Joel Beeke, President of Puritan Seminary, Dr. Richard Pratt, President of III Millennium Ministries, Dr. Sam Waldron, Dean and Professor of Systematic

Theology at Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary, William Greendyk, General Secretary of Trinitarian Bible Society, and Dr. Bruce McDowell, President of Gospel Through Colombia and Missions Pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church.

A Ladies Seminar on April 8. Speakers: Mary Beeke, *Common and Uncommon Kindness: Loving our Enemies*, Ruth Ann Bruce, *Biblical Thinking = Hope*, and Gloria Michelén, *From a Pastor's Wife to Pastors' Wives and Women*. New GTC Board Member, Debbie Johnson, will lead the devotional. All sessions will be translated by Marlene Greendyk.

In order to take advantage of the current price of the dollar, we suggest you make your reservation soon and pay for the hotel room which was negotiated in Colombian pesos. The cost of the hotel per night is \$95 dollars, double occupancy. Please register by sending a check to Gospel Through Colombia for the number of nights you plan to stay and for the cost of the convention, which is \$30 dollars per person. Please write on memo of the check, *Convention – Hotel*.

GOSPEL THROUGH COLOMBIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The GTC Board of Directors meeting took place in Philadelphia on August 27, 2015. GTC thanks God for adding three capable and energetic new board members who are excited about the extraordinary success God has given GTC in Latin America. GTC welcomes Pastor Emerson Bolton II, Mr. William Greendyk and Mrs. Debbie Johnson as new members of the Board of Directors. The current nine members of the board interacted with Dr. Julio Benitez, Latin American USRL President, who gave a full report of the success of all the projects and the tremendous opportunities to expand the reformation to all of Latin America from Medellin.

FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO PAY THE BUILDINGS IN MEDELLIN AND SUPPORT THE STUDENTS

We are grateful that our Heavenly Father provided donations and loans required for the initial purchase of the Seminary buildings in Medellin. Although donations of over \$300,000.00 came in, GTC still has a mortgage of over \$500,000.00. Now we pray that God will provide the funds to pay this mortgage.

In Spanish-speaking South America, *USRL is the only seminary that provides such an intense and complete reformed education at such an affordable price*. Students only pay \$1,000.00 to help with their room and board for the entire year. No one in the USA who is affiliated with GTC takes a salary. GTC needs a minimum of \$15,000.00 per month to pay the mortgages and support the seminary with the current projects. What a bargain to educate all those pastors and seminarians!

Once the mortgage is paid, the cost to educate hundreds of students per year will drop significantly. Would you help us to reduce or pay off this mortgage within a year?

If you know Christians who could make this investment in the kingdom, please present this opportunity to them. We welcome them to visit Medellin and see for themselves that *the harvest truly is plentiful*. Matt.9:37

Please pray, send your contribution and tell your friends and your churches about this unique mission.

Soli Deo Gloria,



Brenda E. Henderson
Director of Resources and Stewardship - GTC

“I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20:24 (ESV)

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