

**Equipping Church Servants to Bring Reformation to Latin America**

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*For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. Phil. 2:27 NKJV*

**A GREAT MIRACLE HAPPENED IN MEDELLIN**

Pastor Julio C. Benítez suffered a life threatening attack of meningitis. Even his doctors did not expect him to survive. That was the message they often gave to his dear wife, Ana. Thousands of people, in hundreds of local churches around the world, appealed to our Heavenly Father, pleading for Pastor



Julio's life and health. Our gracious God answered the prayers by bringing him out of a state of unconsciousness and keeping all his faculties intact. He is now receiving proper treatment in isolation, and will remain in the hospital for 21 days to avoid infection and for complete recovery. Ana observed their teenaged children on their knees and crying out to God to spare their father.

Pastor Julio is grateful to God and to everyone who prayed and is praying for him. He said so many people cared for him that he would not have enough days in the rest of his life to personally thank everyone. God has used Dr. Julio Benítez as one of the main instruments of GTC to bring reformation to Latin America. He has personally taken the doctrines of grace to every Latin American country. Besides teaching, preaching and expanding the USRL Seminary to include many countries. Dr. Benítez has authored nine books and he served as Spanish-speaking voice of Dr. R.C. Sproul on the radio for almost two years. I am also grateful to God for sparing me from having "sorrow upon sorrow" if GTC had lost this great servant.

**PASTOR JEFF POLLARD FROM MOUNT ZION AND CHAPEL LIBRARY IN MEDELLIN**



Pastor Ruiz

Pastor Pollard

Alejandro

Pastor Jeff Pollard, from Mt. Zion Bible Church of Pensacola, taught an excellent pastoral theology course in Medellín in the month of June. We are also deeply grateful to Chapel Library Ministry for the thousands of free reformed Spanish materials which this mission sends to the seminary, and to hundreds of churches in Latin America through Medellín. God has used Chapel Library as a powerful instrument of the gospel in 95

countries around the world. Now in cooperation with GTC, it is distributing reading materials which continue to ignite the powerful reformation fire which is spreading throughout the Continent. We encourage you to check out [www.ChapelLibrary.org](http://www.ChapelLibrary.org) to note the vast resources made available. The current Free Grace Broadcaster publication is [God's Eternal Purpose](#).

GTC is also grateful for the magnificent work that brother Alejandro Castiblanco is doing as the Director and Administrator of the Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano in Medellín and Dr. Sergio Ruiz, professor and spiritual director at USRL, and co-pastor with Dr. Julio Benítez of the local Iglesia Reformada La Gracia de Dios.

## GTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MICHAEL DELARM AND HIS WIFE KRISTINE



Michael and Kristine write: *We returned to Colombia in June to teach a Church History course in Armenia and to provide help with the administration of USRL in Medellin. Kristine taught English using the gospel of John as an evangelistic tool. Armenia, Quindío, is one of the world's premier coffee growing regions. Staying with Pastor Roosevelt and his family and meeting their warm and loving congregation of*

*believers was surely a highlight of our Christian lives. What a wonderful testimony they are to God's grace and the fellowship of all believers! A great experience during our time in Armenia was a trip into the countryside where we enjoyed the beauty of 2 historic villages, and a traditional lunch and café Colombiano con leche.*



*We departed Armenia with sadness, but with anticipation for what God had in store for us. Traveling to Medellín by bus, we took in the breathtaking scenery of the Andes Mountains: vast coffee plantations stretching far into the distance, high peaks bejeweled with all manner of verdant fruit trees and vegetation from God's bounty, and many quaint villages, some with characteristically colorful abodes with industrious people doing all manner of work and activities.*

### **SEVENTH ANNUAL LATINAMERICAN THEOLOGICAL CONVENTION IN BOGOTA**

**APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 CELEBRATING FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF REFORMATION**

This bilingual convention will take place in Bogotá in 2017, from April 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. We are extending an open invitation. You should see and enjoy your investment in the kingdom. Please save the dates.

### **PLEASE HELP US MEET THIS MONTH'S BUDGET**

We are always waiting upon our Heavenly Father to provide the funds to meet the basic needs of this mission. We pray that God will guide you to contribute to His glory and to the honor of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noé S. Acosta".

Noé S. Acosta

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*For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:12 NKJV)*