



# SEMINARIO REFORMADO LATINOAMERICANO

Equipping Indigenous Servants in Their Own Language to Proclaim the Gospel of Grace

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## SRL IN VENEZUELA – A DEATH AND LIFE MIRACLE



Brother Alejandro Castiblanco, SRL graduate and doctoral candidate, under the leadership of the president, Dr. Benitez, is the Director of SRL in Medellin. He also manages the Latin American SRL sites. He is an excellent teacher. Last week, he was teaching 111 SRL students in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, when a strong revolution began. His plane was the last one out before airlines suspended services. The country was paralyzed. His only ride to the airport was on the back seat of a motorcycle. He had to cross through groups of masked men holding rifles. As he approached them, he slowed down and screamed, “I am a pastor”. They responded, “Praise the Lord” and signaled him to move on. He confessed that he really did not have a great deal of faith that this would work, but by the mercy of God, it worked. He contacted me the moment he arrived in Colombia. SRL does not send Americans to Venezuela, but missionary teachers from Colombia, at more peaceful times, want to keep the mission alive in that country. SRL in Medellin is bringing Venezuelans to study in the seminary, so that they can go back and serve as teachers in their own country.

## SRL CUBA – OVER 400 WILL ATTEND REFORMED CONFERENCE IN HOLGUIN & SANTIAGO

**With Cuban government approval, a team of SRL American professors and conference speakers will speak and teach 2 courses from November 6-19, 2017. Pray that God will provide \$4,000.00 for logistics and food expenses to feed pastors for 2 weeks. God willing, SRL Cuba will officially open in November.**

## DR. JAMES BEARSS, SRL CHANCELLOR



Dr. James Bearss has been teaching for SRL Seminary in Colombia since 2013. In 2017, I invited Dr. Bearss to help me with the administration. He accepted the challenge, and the SRL Board of Directors appointed him Chancellor. He will be laboring with me in this mission as I continue to serve as the International President. Dr. Bearss has pastored three churches in his 30 years of ministry. He has also served many years as an overseas professor of Theology. Since 2002, his worldwide teaching ministry has included training pastors in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Philippines, Haiti, and most recently, Colombia and Bolivia. His knowledge of school administration and curriculum will enable him to bring the SRL Seminary to a high level of efficiency. This year, Dr. Bearss provided essential leadership with the new campuses in Orlando and Houston. In addition to his duties as Chancellor, he is still active in teaching. He travels to South America six times a year, and twice a year to a school of theology which he founded in Haiti in 2009. As a graduate of Westminster Seminary in California, with his doctoral degree in preaching, Dr. Bearss brings experience, wisdom, and insight to the work of SRL in the mission of training ministers to advance the Reformation in Latin America.

We thank God for providing a great leadership team here and for the well-qualified servants who provide direction and infrastructure in each site and country where SRL operates.

Greetings in Christ, Noé S. Acosta, Ed.D.

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