

Pastor to Pastor TRAINING NETWORKS



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P2P Instructor Julio Rojas Flores continues pastor training in Buenos Aires, Peru

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The Work Continues

Even as COVID 19 rages around the world, pastors need training now more than ever. God is breaking through in a variety of ways.

- Nationals are still leading P2P courses. Julio Rojas Flores is teaching pastors in 12 different locations in the Peruvian Andes. El Sembrador Bible College in San Salvador, El Salvador is currently teaching P2P courses to over 200 students. Dozens of graduates are teaching courses during the pandemic, such as Pastor Jose Palacios in El Salvador who is teaching over 100 people.



*Julio Rojas Flores
Teaching in Santa Rosa El Bray, Peru.*

- We are teaching courses online through Zoom. We recently completed our full *Theology of Church* course to over 40 pastors. We also recently completed a two-week course on *Mormonism*. This month we are teaching our full *New Testament* course and have plans to soon begin courses on *New Testament* and *Old Testament* to a different group of pastors.
- We are actively training instructors through both in person and online seminars. By the end of the year, we will have trained over 50 pastors from the US to teach in Ecuador, Peru, Nicaragua, California, and other locations.
- We are ready to hit the ground running with multiple new partnerships when travel resumes. We will be teaching in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, new Peruvian locations, and Spanish speaking pastors in the Salinas Valley in California. We have a US coordinator, national coordinator, and teaching locations ready for each of these partnerships. We are only waiting on travel dates.
- We have new partnerships in place for entry into the countries of Argentina, Colombia, and Guatemala. We are also exploring partnerships in Cuba and Uganda: both of which are extremely promising.



Ed Nerio teaching in San Salvador

All of this is in addition to our active schools in El Salvador, Honduras, Peru, Belarus, and Sierra Leone.

We Need Your Help!

Please consider supporting P2P through a one-time gift or through regular monthly support. We are able to train thousands of pastors and believe we can train tens of thousands more on a very modest budget of 150K – 200K annually. We can do this because we use existing partnerships among both US and national pastors to create self-supporting training movements. Each school in each location possesses nearly endless potential to train additional pastors. Our average student trains two other pastors. Remember, each pastor trained also represents a church. Nearly every pastor who completes our training reports increased baptisms and church growth. We are also experiencing incredible church planting out of our training. Where else can you see this kind of return for your mission investment? Churches spend tens of thousands of dollars to impact a mission partnership for a single church in a single location, which is wonderful. However, we can impact thousands of churches in dozens of countries far more strategically and economically. We are not asking individuals and churches to cease their mission work, only to consider adding P2P to their mission support.



Several pastors hanging out during a break at a P2P course.

Our goal is to raise our annual budget for 2021 by the end of 2020. We have a long way to go, but we are optimistic as we enter the Christmas giving season. If you would like to support this vital pastor training ministry, you can send your tax-deductible donations to:

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9 Lake Sydney Drive
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Or you can give through our website at:

<https://www.p2pnetworks.org/donate/>

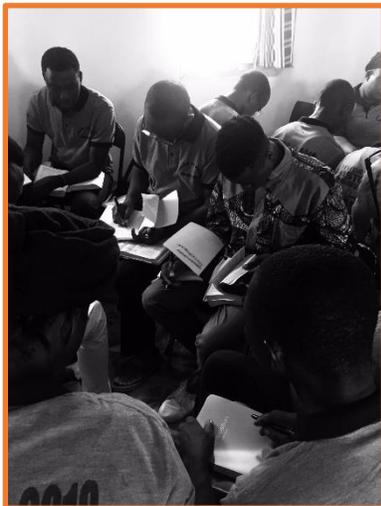
The Need for Training Pastors

Part 1 – The Hole in our Mission Strategy

Often the greatest sin missionaries commit is unwittingly creating dependence on themselves as they advance the kingdom within a people group. National pastors and leaders come to believe the missionaries and other westerners are simply better at kingdom work: they are better preachers, better evangelists, and better leaders. National leaders consciously and subconsciously defer to American missionaries and pastors because of their education, experience, and resources. Many nationals are happy to take a back seat as American missionaries and mission teams take the lead in ministry, evangelism, and church planting. In fact, utilizing American partnerships for all of their outreach is not uncommon.

A few years back my church had a partnership with church leaders in the Dominican Republic. We brought teams over each year to evangelize children and teenagers through Bible Schools and sports camps. We went to the same churches each year and often led the same children to faith in Christ. We discovered that other US churches had similar partnerships with these same Dominican churches. We suggested that perhaps we ought to move on to other churches who did not have teams coming each summer. We were met with significant push-back by the pastors indicating this is how they do evangelism. Without the American teams, their churches would stagnate and die.

I frequently meet international pastors who are strategically, emotionally, and financially dependent on Americans. This is not only unhealthy, it is unbiblical. Consider the Apostle Paul who sought to create fully functioning and self-sustaining churches from day one. Missionary and missiologist Charles Brock argues that biblical churches are indigenous churches: they are self-expressing, self-governing, self-supporting, self-teaching, and self-propagating. These five selves are the qualities of a healthy and biblical church. Churches dependent on others for one or more of these important aspects of church life are deficient.



Pastors in a break out study group in Waterloo, Sierra Leone.

What happens to dependent and deficient churches when westerners are no longer around? The recent global pandemic has given us a chance to find out, and the reports are not good. While self-sustaining independent churches are responding to the crisis with leadership and ministry, dependent churches are sitting on their hands and often flailing or even flat-lining. The hole in our mission strategy is often leadership development or empowering pastors to lead self-sustaining churches.

Furthermore, the current global pandemic could be a trial run for future decades. Many predict mission engagement and support will dramatically decrease in coming years. This is primarily due to two trends. First, younger generations are generally not engaged in church. It is estimated that only 2% of millennials attend worship on a given Sunday. Second, mission dollars will likely decrease as older generations pass. It has been estimated that 2/3 of church giving is given by people 65 and older. While mission activity will continue, it will continue to decrease unless these and other trends are reversed.

It is vital that international churches and ministries become less dependent on Americans. The answer to unhealthy dependence is healthy inter or independence. We will not always be present in many countries to lead and support kingdom work... nor should we be. We should empower national pastors and leaders to lead vibrant and fruitful kingdom churches and ministries. If we only create dependent churches, we have failed the very people we came to help. We empower national pastors and leaders by creating strategies that encourage, equip, and train national leaders to encourage, equip, and train every willing pastor in their country.

This is the mission and purpose of P2P. We are currently training thousands of pastors around the world, and when travel resumes, we will train thousands more in dozens of countries. Our strategy is to train national leaders to train national leaders until every pastor is trained. It is our prayer that God will use these training movements to sustain and advance his global church under the direction of the Holy Spirit either with or without the direct contributions of Americans.

Check us out at:

P2Pnetworks.org



We are a kingdom first ministry. We are delighted to share our process and materials with anyone seeking to build God's Kingdom through training leaders. We are eager to assist and mentor those with a similar faith and heart for the nations. We ask nothing in return but faithfulness. If you have an existing mission partnership and believe God is calling you to train leaders, please contact us. We will do all we can to help.

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Our 12 Courses

Typically taught over 2 years

1. Theology of God
2. Theology of Salvation
3. Theology of the Church
4. Hermeneutics
5. Old Testament
6. New Testament
7. Applied Church History
8. Pastoral Ministry
9. Missions/Church Planting
10. Discipleship
11. Evangelism
12. Preaching

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