

Pastor to Pastor | TRAINING NETWORKS



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Pastors in El Salvador taking “Theology of God” this past September

The World is Opening

The most challenging aspect of P2P this year has been the inability to travel and teach. We have this burning passion to train pastors and being forced to stay stateside has been incredibly frustrating. Finally, things started breaking loose this fall. We have been able to teach multiple times each in **El Salvador**, **Sierra Leone**, and **Peru**. We have also started two new programs in the **United States**: one in the Salinas Valley, California and the other through several Baptist associations in Georgia. We have also started a new network in the **Dominican Republic** thanks to Alan Morris and his team from the North Central Mission Center.

We also have several new countries cued up and ready to go in early 2022 (January & February).

- Joe Byrd is travelling to start a new program in Kenya
- Bryan Edenfield and Gary Bulley are travelling to start a new program in Costa Rica
- Gary Bulley will be travelling to start a new program in Cuba
- Gary Bulley will be travelling to start a new program in Guatemala
- We will be travelling to Honduras to continue our program there

We are also actively training instructors and working with national leaders to begin networks in several additional countries by summer of 2022.

- Columbia
- Argentina
- Ecuador
- Panama

2022 promises to be a busy and fruitful year. We are excited about these and other opportunities as God leads us towards both familiar and new pastor networks. We need your prayers and support more than ever. May we be faithful with the calling God has given us, and may God be faithful in multiplying the fish and loaves we offer.



Fatima Cruz is the director for training in El Salvador. She does a wonderful job and we are so thankful for her leadership.

Tools for the Task

Imagine being asked to build a house while lacking the materials, tools, and knowledge necessary for the task. You have observed other builders, but they are in the same situation as you. Their houses are not very good: some have crumbling foundations, holes in the roof, slanting floors, or are altogether unlivable.

Needless to say, you would probably feel daunted by the task. You desperately want to build a quality house, but all you have are a few rusty tools and advice from those who experience the same challenges, struggles, and frustrations as you.



Associational Missionary Michael Stewart, Chris Smith, and the team at Great Commission Baptist Association (GBA). GBA is using P2P in the Salinas Valley to train pastors in both English and Spanish. They have approximately 50 pastors in the Spanish program and 30 pastors in the English program.

Now imagine someone gives you brand new tools: all the latest power saws, cordless drills, nail guns, and so on. Imagine that you also receive manuals, videos, and step by step instructions for each aspect of the building process. Each of these things individually would be a game changer. Together, they make all the difference in the world.

The Bible sometimes uses the analogy of building a house in regards to spiritual matters and building God's Kingdom. We see this in both the Old and New Testaments.

Psalm 127:1 - *Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.*

Luke 14:28 - *Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?*

2 Timothy 2:15 - *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

This last verse in 2 Timothy is of particular interest to us. It implies a preparation or necessary equipping for service in God's Kingdom. Yes, God builds the house, but we join him in this essential task. Each time we teach a course, it is like handing someone a power saw for the first time... or a nail gun... or most importantly a manual for key projects. Our teaching is routinely met with tears of wonder, joy, and gratitude. It is not unusual to receive standing ovations after a lesson. Most pastors around the world have never received theological training. They have never been instructed in how to prepare a sermon, or lead an evangelism effort, or lead a discipleship strategy. As they receive these tools into their arsenals, each is a game changer, and together make all the difference in the world. Now they can build a quality house. In fact, thanks to P2P, thousands of pastors the world over are building houses that honor the Lord and greatly increase his kingdom.

James Kailondo – *We are immensely grateful for the impact of P2P in Sierra Leone*

Carlos Hernandez - *I praise God for P2P. It has been a huge blessing for all of us*

John Kenny Sisay – *We have never heard teaching like this before*

New Approaches for New Horizons

Every week I receive multiple requests to bring P2P training to virtually inaccessible places such as India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and multiple Asian and African countries. I have received many dozens of such requests. I say they are virtually inaccessible because our program requires a minimum of 12 field visits to complete one program of study. Each visit requires extensive logistics and expense. We simply do not have enough US pastors willing and/or able to make such commitments. (*More about such opportunities later*)

The need for training around the world is great, and it seems impossible not to respond to these requests as most come from those serving unreached people groups. This is why we are piloting a new project entitled the “*P2P Timothy Institute*.” The P2P Timothy Institute will be an 18-month online training and mentoring process for apostolic leaders or leaders of leaders. The intent is to equip and empower these key leaders to train pastors and other leaders in their regions. The cost is free; however, each participant must function apostolically, speak English, and translate all of the courses into their heart language.

Several leaders have already signed up for the program, and some have already begun translating materials. The program will begin in January. Please contact Gary Bulley (garybulley@gmail.com) if you desire to participate. I am also asking all of our P2P partners and friends to pray for this effort. I believe it has the potential to far exceed anything we have accomplished thus far.

Opportunities

I feel compelled in this edition of our newsletter to inform our partners and friends of some big needs and opportunities for new programs and teaching.

- We desperately need teachers for Sierra Leone and Kenya.
- We need a pastor, church, or group of churches to begin a new training network in Belize.
- We need a pastor, church, or group of churches to begin an additional training network in the Dominican Republic.
- We need a pastor, church, or group of churches to begin praying about starting a new training network in Pakistan.



Aaron Land and our first class in the Dominican Republic

- We are very interested in seeking out those willing to teach and serve in Africa, Asia, or India.
- As always, we can equip and empower you to train pastors through any of your current mission partnerships.

Please spread the word about these incredible opportunities. We at P2P believe there is no greater way to impact God's Kingdom than to train leaders (pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries) who will in turn train more leaders. If you or someone you know is willing and able to meet one of these needs, please contact me, Gary Bulley at garybulley@gmail.com.

Annual Support Drive

At P2P, we try to focus on ministry rather than money. Still, resources are important. We cannot operate without support through the generosity of our partners and friends.

So, at the end of each year we ask people to consider supporting this wonderful and impactful ministry. We have partnerships in 17 countries to train thousands of pastors. We provide the tools pastors need for effective and fruitful ministry. 90% of the world's pastors remain untrained; a situation the World Evangelical Alliance considers an absolute crisis.



Scott Bosier hanging out with future leaders in Sierra Leone while taking a break from teaching current leaders.

Please consider supporting P2P with a one-time gift or regular contributions. Our annual budget is approximately 150K for 2021, which is incredibly low considering the kingdom impact we have. This is in part due to our partner pastors and churches who pay for each individual trip. Still, we have many operating expenses, and typically raise half our budget through our year end support drive. We still need 75K by the end of the year to meet our 2021 budget.

In addition to this newsletter, those on our mail list will receive an email asking for support. Others will receive a letter in the mail. Please pray about what God would have you give to enable P2P to train pastors and continue to expand our reach and kingdom influence.

You can give through our website at: <https://www.p2pnetworks.org/donate/>

Or you can send a check (*which avoids a service fee*) to

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Bryan Edenfield in Honduras

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.

Contact Gary Bulley at
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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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