

Pastor to Pastor TRAINING NETWORKS



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Students in Cali Colombia taking their first class

New Partnership in Colombia off to Roaring Start

This September found P2P in Cali Colombia, an area infamous for cartels and drug trafficking. Yet we found a vibrant church, and a hunger for God's word and kingdom. P2P Director Gary Bulley and Central American Coordinator Ed Nerio began training in two new locations: Cali and Pereira. Several things stood out to both Gary and Ed as they connected with local leaders in each area: the desire, the need, the response, and the opportunity. We agreed this was by far the best start we have had in any county.

There is a tremendous desire for pastor training in Colombia. We were met by Mauricio Rozo at the airport in Cali. Mauricio is the president of the Colombian Baptist Convention and hosted the school at his church. He and his team could not have been more prepared. We had great accommodations and everything was well organized. When we arrived at Mauricio's church, we noticed tables and chairs set up for about one hundred people. The venue was already half full and people continued to trickle in until it was full. There was a buzz in the room and as the class commenced, everyone was engaged, attentive and taking notes.

Mauricio explained the group was made up of pastors, potential church planters, and their wives. Mauricio has a goal of starting fifty churches in Cali. He views P2P training as an important step for preparing church planters.

Mauricio's personal engagement and incredible hospitality clearly conveyed this training was very important to him, his church, and the larger church in Colombia.



Mauricio Rozo (center) is shown here with Ed Nerio (left), the Central American Coordinator for Pastor to Pastor Training Networks, and Gary Bulley (right), the Director for Pastor to Pastor Training Networks



Group Picture after our first course in Cali. The students were excited to display their books after the class.

From Cali we made our way to Pereira, and were hosted by Eliecer Mejia, Pastor of Berea Baptist Church and member of the Board of Directors for the Colombian Baptist Convention. Eliecer was not sure what to expect, and was not able to gather as many pastors as in Cali. However, after taking the class, he was very impressed, and assured us that he would personally ensure that pastors from the entire region would attend the next class.

The need for pastor training in Colombia is very great. Colombia is a large country both geographically and in population: boasting over 50 million people. Yet, the training options are limited for Christian pastors and teachers. The Baptist University in Cali is doing a great job; however, their on-campus enrollment is around 140 students, most of whom are college aged and not pastors. The university also has an extension program. Still, most pastors in Colombia do not have training, nor do they envision the opportunity to receive quality training. Ninety percent of pastors globally do not have formal theological or pastoral training. Mauricio indicated the percentage in Colombia is even higher.



*Our first course in Pereira Colombia,
Pastor Eliecer is bottom right*

The response to our training could not have been better. Both Mauricio and Eliecer indicated the preaching course far exceeded expectations and other training experiences. The students in each location increased in enthusiasm as each class progressed. There was a dawning realization that P2P is exactly what they had been praying for: practical and biblical ministry preparation. They were already anticipating the next course prior to the first course being finished. They would not allow us to leave without first establishing firm dates and subject matter.



*P2P Director Gary Bulley
with Pablo Palacios, Dean of the
Baptist University in Cali*

We also experienced a warm welcome from the Baptist University in Cali where we met with Dean Pablo Palacios. He enthusiastically affirmed our presence in Colombia and confirmed the desire to partner with us. The university clearly shares a desire to prepare pastors and leaders for ministry. The university will recognize P2P training and present those who complete the training with certificate diplomas. This will enhance our credibility and standing with pastors and leaders in Colombia.

We were particularly blown away by the response of church leaders along with the opportunity moving forward. Mauricio and Eliecer are eager to discuss P2P training as a major initiative within the convention. They are excited about the partnership with P2P, the convention, and the university. They envision P2P training the Baptist pastors throughout Colombia. They desire to host as many training locations as we are able provide. They want every pastor in Colombia to have access to quality training.

Mauricio also leads an initiative sponsored by the Colombian government to bring churches and denominations together. Mauricio knows the leaders of all the major church groups in Colombia, and believes they too will be excited about P2P training. In other words, our opportunity in Colombia is massive. Please pray that God will raise up US instructors to meet the need now and in the future.

P2P Leadership Summit a Huge Success

This October I (Gary) taught our first class on the campus of the Christian University in San Salvador (*more on that later*), and afterwards P2P team member Scott Bosier and myself hosted a leadership summit for our Central American team. Thanks to the generosity of one of our Board of Directors, we were able to host the retreat at a beautiful beach house in El Salvador.



*Instructor
Appreciation Day
at the Central
American
leadership summit*

The retreat was intended to express gratitude to our Central American team (*who works incredibly hard*), and discuss vision and strategy moving forward. Thus, the retreat was a comfortable mix of R & R along with meetings. One day we hosted six national instructors from El Salvador and their families. The cook at the beach house prepared amazing meals the entire three days and everyone had a great time.

More importantly, the P2P team was able to crystallize our strategy moving forward in Latin America. The team was shocked to learn that we have nearly thirty active training locations in Latin America and several pending in Honduras and Argentina. There was an incredible sense of reverence that we are about something particularly significant. None of the group felt worthy of the position we find ourselves in, but everyone recommitted themselves to work even harder to ensure that every willing pastor in Latin America has an opportunity to receive biblical and practical ministry training.



Partnership with the Evangelical University of El Salvador

P2P has officially added another training partner in Latin America. The Evangelical University of El Salvador (EUES) approached P2P in August about a new partnership to train pastors and leaders throughout Central America. EUES is a regional university with an enrollment of around 45,000 students. They offer a wide variety of degree programs, including theology.

This partnership is particularly exciting for several reasons. First, university faculty are teaching P2P courses in their degree programs. Second, our students will receive university credit for P2P courses they can later apply towards an actual bachelor's degree. Third, the university will present a certificate diploma for all students completing all twelve P2P courses. Fourth, we have full access to university facilities for classes, meetings, and graduations. Finally, the university is using a substantial endowment to promote pastor training in conjunction with P2P. We could not be more excited about this partnership. The university president, dean, and leader of the theology program have all been enthusiastic and cooperative. We believe this partnership will bear considerable fruit in the years to come.



Entrance to the Evangelical University of El Salvador

2022: A Year of Substantial Gains

Coming into 2022 after COVID, we had managed to resume training in 18 locations in 5 countries: the United States (Georgia and California), Peru, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, and Sierra Leone. With the help of our partners and North Georgia pastors, we are now actively training in 33 locations in 10 countries. We resumed training in Honduras and Nicaragua, and began new training locations in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Colombia.

We also have new schools pending in January and March of 2023 for Kenya and Argentina respectively. Furthermore, we have two different partnerships pending in Mexico, but no dates are set at this time.



Aaron Land of Level Grove Baptist Church in Cornelia Georgia teaching in the Dominican Republic

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We are a faith-based ministry that relies entirely on the generosity of our partners and friends for support. We believe we can change the world by training leaders in thousands of communities around the globe to lead healthy and vibrant churches. As we train pastors and leaders who in turn train other pastors and leaders, tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of communities will know the light of the gospel and the goodness of God's Kingdom. If you would like to support this vital pastor training ministry, you can send your tax-deductible donations to:

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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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