

# Pastor to Pastor | P2P TRAINING NETWORKS

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*Gary Bulley teaching in San Salvador, El Salvador*

## **Gary Bulley Begins as Full-Time Executive Director**

P2P founder and executive director Gary Bulley will begin serving full-time in the same roll beginning May 1st. Gary is leaving Living Stones Church in Cumming Georgia where he has served as pastor for the past 20 years. The timing for this move is perfect as the world begins to open up after COVID. Gary leaves for Sierra Leone in late May to reboot our program in that country, and anticipates both starting and continuing schools in Nicaragua, Peru, and Cuba in short order. Gary is looking forward to also restarting our schools in El Salvador and Honduras, as well as starting new schools in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, Kenya, and hopefully Brazil and the Dominican Republic. Gary is also working on an intensive project to provide all of our courses on video, which will be made available to all through our website.

Gary is also working hard to promote P2P among churches and individuals with a heart for the nations and pastors. Gary is available to preach in churches to share more about P2P and the exciting things God is doing through this incredible ministry. Please contact Gary if you are interested in him speaking or representing P2P at your church or missions conference at [garybulley@gmail.com](mailto:garybulley@gmail.com).



*Gary with some of the pastors in Sierra Leone. Gary is returning with Missions Pastor Jim Mason and the folks from Alpharetta First Baptist to teach Missions/Church Planting at the end of May.*

This is a big transition for Gary and P2P. We are now able to train far more pastors and in far more countries. God has given us favor in so many places that we anticipate training 10,000 pastors by this time next year. We need your prayers and support now more than ever. We are stepping out in faith to support a full-time executive director and a part-time bookkeeper. We trust that God will provide as we seek to be obedient to him. We are eternally grateful for all of our partners: prayer partners, teaching partners, and financial partners. May we all be faithful to the task God has called us.

**This issue will continue with part 3 of a 4-part series  
on “The Need for Training Pastors”**

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**Part 3 – Missionaries Can't be Everywhere**

One of the most frequent questions I receive as I represent P2P among Southern Baptists is, “Why are you doing this? Is not training pastors the job of the International Mission Board (IMB)?” In other words, why is this ministry even needed, or at worst, is P2P overstepping the IMB? The answer to this question is at least threefold.

First, we live in a very big world. IMB and other mission groups have a limited number of missionaries: IMB has 3619 to be exact and most of these are married couples. There are 7.9 billion people in the world. That is one missionary for every 2.2 million people.

This leads to the second answer regarding P2P and mission entities like IMB. IMB has wisely decided to deploy their limited resources among the least evangelized people groups. In the last 30 years IMB has adopted an intentional strategy to reach unreached people groups (2% Christian or less) and redeploy most of their field personnel to address this need. IMB does not have any missionaries in many of the countries we serve. If they are in a particular country, they are typically serving among different populations. P2P has never encountered an IMB missionary (or rarely any missionary from any group) during any of our trainings, and to our knowledge, they do not serve any of the pastor groups we serve.



*Pastors in Buenos Aires Peru. A 7 hour car ride from Ayacucho. These pastors say they have never met anyone from their denomination; much less a missionary.*

Finally, 90% of pastors around the world do not have intentional Bible training, theological training, or leadership training. We estimate that 6.75 million protestant/evangelical churches around the world do not have a trained pastor. This leads to a host of theological and practical problems. This leads to frustration, discouragement, and a lack of fruitfulness in ministry. Yes, IMB does some pastor training; so too do multiple other organizations. The truth is we need a hundred times as many pastor training organizations as we currently have. This is why P2P focuses on reproducible training. We equip national leaders with the materials, process, and training to in turn

train pastors in their country. We are attempting to begin training movements where every willing pastor in a specific country can be trained. To our knowledge, we are the only pastor training ministry designed to reproduce in this way.

We could not have more respect for IMB or more gratitude for their impact around the world. Yet, IMB cannot do it alone. They cannot meet every mission need in every country. They cannot evangelize every person who needs salvation. They cannot serve every pastor in the global church. They cannot be everywhere at once. The truth is we are all part of a larger mission effort to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. This is why we cooperate with IMB at every opportunity and are currently in conversation with IMB missionaries in multiple countries to train pastors and begin training movements in these countries. Separately, we can only do so much. Together, God can magnify each contribution to ensure all have heard the gospel as the kingdom reaches around the world.

## Pastors are our Focus and Mission Edge

We believe that pastors are the key to reaching communities in every country around the world. If we can empower pastors to lead healthy growing churches, we can change entire communities.

Likewise, pastors are the key to our ministry at P2P. If we can empower American pastors to train pastors in other countries, we can maximize our mission impact. The more pastors we involve, the more countries we can impact. We are exceedingly grateful for our partnerships with mission entities like North Central Missions Center, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, International Mission Board, and New Churches Now; however, our primary growth edge is, and will always be, regular pastors being willing to go and train others.

We are starting to enter multiple countries because individual pastors have decided to lead efforts for a specific country. These pastors recruit colleagues to assist, and with these three or four friends, they can now impact entire regions, or even countries, by equipping and empowering the pastors in that country. This is true multiplication. American pastors contact P2P desiring to train pastors through a new or existing mission partnership. We then resource these pastors with materials, process, training, and relationships.



*Pastor Barry Crocker of Hope fellowship in Cumming Georgia posing with pastors from El Salvador.*

The following are some of the American pastors and churches who are coordinating training efforts for an entire country.

Pastor Bryan Edenfield of Hickory Road Baptist Church – Costa Rica

Retired Pastor John Lay – Belarus

Pastor Steven Green of Central Baptist Church Lawrenceville – Cuba

Missions Pastor Jim Mason of FBC Alpharetta – Sierra Leone

Retired Pastor Joe Byrd - Kenya

P2P can change the world as pastors and churches leverage new and existing mission partnerships to train hundreds of pastors to in turn train thousands of pastors in a particular country. Maybe you can be one those pastors or your church can be one of those churches.

Please contact Gary Bulley at [gary@p2pnetworks.org](mailto:gary@p2pnetworks.org) if you want more information about training pastors through a new or existing mission partnership.

## Support P2P

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:

P2P Networks  
9 Lake Sydney Drive  
Dawsonville, GA 30534

Or you can give through our website at:

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

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.**

**Contact Gary Bulley at  
[garybulley@gmail.com](mailto:garybulley@gmail.com)**

### **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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