

# Pastor to Pastor | P2P TRAINING NETWORKS

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## Singing for the Unsung

Every successful enterprise possesses indispensable people who make everything work and without whom accomplishing the mission would not be possible. Of the over 150 P2P team members, the staff, instructors, and even translators rightfully receive much attention and appreciation. However, it is our coordinators that genuinely make everything work. In fact, having a good coordinator is the primary criteria we use when determining which countries we enter. Coordinators are men of vision and influence. They are spiritual leaders who tirelessly work to ensure all the many logistical needs are satisfied; and more importantly, promote P2P and network with pastors, often of multiple denominations, to help them understand how and why P2P training is vital for their development and ministry. In short, without our coordinators, there is no P2P.



*Peruvian Coordinator  
Julio Rojas Flores*

Within the prior 5 weeks of the release of this newsletter, P2P has begun new programs in Nicaragua and Cuba. I want to highlight the respective coordinators for those programs and how God is using them to equip and empower approximately 150 pastors collectively.

### Will Aviles

Will grew up an orphan in a garbage dump in Nicaragua. He learned how to survive in the worst of circumstances from a very early age. As an older child he was taken in by a good Christian woman who led Will to the Lord and ensured he was educated. Will graduated from university and has two seminary degrees. He started a church in San Rafael Del Sur and quickly became one of the most influential pastors of the entire region.

Will is also married with three children, one of whom has severe physical disabilities due to complications from spina bifida. His children are bilingual and highly educated. They are not allowed to watch television but focus on the classics. One son is an accomplished pianist and his daughter an accomplished singer. Will's wife, a former teacher, drives the children to private school in Managua, which takes several hours each day.



*Will Translating the Discipleship class for me with pastors and leaders in San Rafael Del Sur*

Will has built a beautiful home and missionary compound on his two-acre property. He has not received outside funding to accomplish this but works several different jobs to support his family and the ministry God to which has called him. Will takes nothing for granted. He could easily have viewed himself as a victim, yet through personal responsibility, hard work and grace he has built a wonderful family, ministry and life in San Rafael.

As a spiritual leader, Will is a man of integrity and vision. He is the staff missionary for Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa, Georgia, and is in part supported by this missional church. Will recognizes the greatest need of the Nicaraguan church is quality training for pastors and leaders. Will is committed to ensuring every willing pastor in Nicaragua receive training. He is currently shifting his responsibilities from his church to a more national ministry, which primarily involves advancing P2P training throughout the nation. We started four new programs in May, and Will is already planning to build on these programs to expand to other locations.



*Argentinian Coordinator Roberto Warton and myself eating giant hamburgers in Comodoro, Argentina*

## Luis Tornes

Luis is a pastor in Santa Clara, Cuba, and the leader of a group of 52 churches called Misiones Alianza Cistocentro, or the *Alliance for Christ Centered Missions*. They were all part of the Cuban Baptist Convention as they continuously lobbied the convention to use their limited resources on missions and empowering church planters. This was a new and uncomfortable idea for the convention and the convention encouraged them to break away to focus on their missional vision. They have been highly successful and now the convention has asked them to return, a request they are considering.

Luis pastors a house church in Santa Clara: the Evangelical churches in Cuba are house churches as Evangelical Christianity is not recognized by the Cuban Government. This does not mean churches meet in people's living rooms. Some of these churches exceed 100 people and one exceeds 200 people. Christians typically build church buildings on their property behind their homes. These buildings are very plain, yet they can host large groups of people. There are no church signs or other indications that the building is a church other than people showing up on Sundays and other key times during the week.

Luis rallied pastors from all over Cuba to attend our first two courses at the end of May. 32 of the 52 pastors came, many from more than a day's journey away. Luis ensured they all had a place to sleep and provided 3 meals each day, which was a special treat as many of the pastors normally eat only one meal per day. Luis's wife Elizabeth woke up early each morning to prepare breakfast for Luis, our translator Nasco, and myself. She would then go to the church behind a house several miles away to prepare breakfast for the pastors, then lunch, then supper, finally returning home to fix supper for Luis, Nasco, and myself. My hostel was near Luis's home, and he insisted we eat in his home.



*Cuban Coordinator Luis Tornes  
along his wife Elizabeth*

Luis and Elizabeth understand the value of service, hospitality, mission, and training pastors to advance the Kingdom of God. They are uniquely gifted to lead the 52 behind the house churches. Their movement is thriving and growing, in part because of their outstanding leadership.

Of course, we have many other wonderful coordinators throughout Latin America and Africa. All of them deserve a huge shout out for all they do for P2P and the kingdom of God. These are the unsung heroes of P2P!



*Above - El Salvador and Guatemala Coordinator Ed Nerio (left), along with Colombian Coordinator Mauricio Rozo (center)*

*Left - Honduran Coordinator Luis Vega with P2P Training Strategist Scott Bosier*



**Left**  
Gary and Panamanian Coordinator Omar Penalosa

**Right**  
African Coordinator Tamba Lebbie speaking at his own P2P graduation



## People are talking about P2P!

As we at P2P talk amongst ourselves, we often comment regarding how we wish others could hear from the pastors we train. It is their response and gratitude that inspire and motivate us. The impact of P2P is life changing for everyone involved.

Since everyone cannot make it to the field, we thought it might be a good idea to share some of the feedback we receive. The following testimonies are from just one partnership: Cali and Pereira Colombia.

### Francisco

*I always wanted to study theology, to be a truly prepared minister; However, I was not able to complete my studies in my youth and now as an adult, the priority is supporting the home, with my wife and children. Still, the desire to know more and more about the Lord and His work has never ceased to be the issue of my life. How can I access real, deep, structured, consistent training, but at the same time easy to listen, understandable and that gives me the opportunity to go deeper? God knows my heart and put P2P in my path, and it has been the greatest blessing of all my years as a Christian. It has been an informative, educational and transformative process. Each module has been a demolition of paradigms and the establishment of new foundations for a development of life and ministry truly centered on Christ and His word. How to understand in order to know how to create (or work with) a church that evangelizes, that does missions, that understands and cares for the pastoral ministry, that promotes spiritual formation, etc.? P2P has been, in my life, God's resource for this purpose.*



Francisco Leonid  
Betani Baptist Church/Cali

### Daniel

*My name is Juan Daniel Buenaventura and I am currently starting and pastoring a new church plant. I want to share with you my experience with the P2P ministry. As I am sure you can appreciate, starting a new church is a very interesting and quite challenging process. Two P2P classes have been of special importance for me in this process.*

*The “Spiritual Formation” class has helped me better clarify the essence of discipleship. I also love the emphasis on one-on-one discipleship. I consider it to be a very effective way to empower each member of the church in the work of the ministry. I also see it as a great way to encourage each member to leave their comfort zone to fulfill the great commission, rather than leaving that responsibility to the pastor alone.*

*The “Missions and Church Planting” class has been especially helpful for me because I am currently starting a new church. I especially like the focus on multiplying leaders and churches, as I feel it is the best way to advance the Kingdom of God. I have attended several trainings in church planting, including a seminary course, and this is by far the best and most helpful.*

*I believe that the P2P ministry has given me a new ministerial vision and has filled me with great expectations in a job that can sometimes be ruined due to lack of knowledge.*



Juan Daniel Buenaventura  
Pereira Colombia

## **Frankie**

*P2P has provided me with excellent and practical tools for a comprehensive development of my ministry. I really like this training because it provides specific answers to ministry issues I face daily. Attending P2P classes has been an enjoyable experience that has affirmed my call and better prepared me for the challenges of ministry.*



Frankie Santa, Berea Baptist Church  
Pereira Colombia

## Scott Heating up with Summer – By Scott Bosier

June is already upon us! Summer has arrived and things continue to heat up with what God has done and continues to do through the ministry of Pastor to Pastor Training Networks!

**First of all, an update on P2P India.** I made a successful journey to Bangalore, India at the end of February. At the request of my host, instead of teaching a class as we normally do, I taught an overview of all twelve courses of P2P. The program was incredibly well received, and the pastors and leaders seemed very excited to train with us. I also spent time with some of the key leaders and influencers who were interested. I am personally very grateful for our host Dr. Enoch Washington and his family for their warm welcome to India and sharing their home and ministry vision with me. Enoch has a big vision for India that includes a more traditional brick and mortar type seminary. As Gary and I have talked through the journey and what lies ahead, we are not sure if this aligns completely with the vision and ministry of P2P. While God has opened the door for us in India, we are still looking for the right strategy to initiate P2P fully in India. Please pray for us to have wisdom and discernment as we listen for God's leading in this.



Interested Pastors and Leaders from Bangalore, India.

**P2P South America...** A quick turnaround of only a week and I was back in Comodoro, Argentina. Our group there is about to graduate later this summer as Gary goes to teach the final two courses and hold the graduation ceremony. This group is so enthusiastic and their vibrant churches continue to inspire us as we travel. We also had our Central American Coordinator, Ed Nerio and one of our instructors/translators (and all around P2P supporter), Rosmery Quintanilla, travel to Argentina to teach two classes! What an amazing experience for them as well. **P2P is empowering indigenous leaders to continue the training movement!**



The next generation of P2P trainers in Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina.

**P2P Africa** ...We just had 80 more graduates (in May) in Sierra Leone, and another group of over 100 set to graduate soon — taught exclusively by Africans! This is the reason we do P2P! Not only are these leaders training others in places surrounding **Sierra Leone**, like **Liberia** (Pastor Tamba Lebbie, our African coordinator is leading the way here) — we have a new leader, Pastor Kouame Arsene, who is working with Pastor Lebbie and 7 other trainers to teach pastors in **Ivory Coast** (*Cote d'Ivoire*)! We sent the materials translated into French and this pastor is ready to equip others to continue the training movement in Africa. God has really moved in miraculous ways to connect us to these new leaders. He has helped them catch the vision for fulfilling **2 Timothy 2:2** — ***“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”***

**P2P Central America**... Our indigenous leaders are continuing to astound us in many ways — I just returned from Guatemala and Honduras, a double country trip to teach three groups of pastors. In Guatemala, we are still working with two 1st generation groups...but many are already talking about the possibility of reaching some of the remote cities and groups who speak different dialects.



The next generation of P2P trainers in San Nicolas, Honduras.

In Honduras, we are on a 2nd generation group that Pastor Salvador has gathered. Half of these classes will be taught by graduates from the 1st generation classes in Honduras. The leaders of this group are already talking about starting classes with a new group in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala!

While heading to Honduras, I also brought 25 diplomas for Pastor Luis Rivera, who trains a group of pastors in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. This 27-year-old pastor has taken up the commission to train others with what he has been taught! Pastor Luis graduated last year from our 1st gen classes in Santa Barbara, Honduras and now he will be graduating 25 students that he has trained in October 2024. He has trained all these pastors himself! We are so grateful for faithful leaders like Luis, who really understand what P2P is all about.

We can really only stand in awe at what God has done...and what he is doing through the ministry of Pastor to Pastor Training Networks. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry. Your prayers open doors that only God can open. And your giving keeps us able to answer the call when God is ready. May God continue to bless you always as you follow Jesus Christ and await His coming Kingdom!

## **Please 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:

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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.**

**Contact Gary Bulley at  
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- 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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