

Pastor to Pastor TRAINING NETWORKS



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Scott Bosier in Sierra Leone

Scott Bosier is Joining the P2P Team

We are thrilled that Scott Bosier is joining the P2P team March 1st as a Training Strategist. Scott has been a P2P instructor since 2016 and has taught in El Salvador, Honduras, Peru, and Sierra Leone. He is also headed to Costa Rica in March to assist in two new training locations. Scott will be assisting new and current training locations as well as recruiting and preparing US pastors to serve as instructors. Scott is partially self-funded, so if you know Scott, please pray about supporting his important work.

Ed Nerio is Joining the P2P Team

P2P is contracting with *Misiones Para Cristo* to assist with training pastors in Central America. *Misiones Para Cristo* is a mission organization in El Salvador led by Ed Nerio. Ed and his entire team, particularly Rosmery Quintanilla and Fatima Cruz, have been instrumental to the success of P2P in the region. Ed is the leader of this dynamic organization that will continue to assist us begin new training locations, support existing locations, host US instructors, and teach courses.

Ed and his team are absolutely vital to our efforts and we could not be more excited to expand their role. Ed helped me begin our first course in El Salvador, recently led our first two courses in Costa Rica, and help me start two new training locations in Guatemala.



Ed Nerio teaching in Morales, Guatemala

Los 5 Magnificos Misioneros 😊

I am often asked how we establish new teaching locations. The answer is an organic combination of divine leadership, networking, and good relationships. My recent trip to Guatemala illustrates how things typically work.

I arrived in Guatemala City on Monday, February 14. Yes, I know it was Valentine's Day. But I am such an awesome husband the other 364 days each year, that Cindy said it was OK. I was travelling with 3 Georgia Baptist Pastors: Kenny, Pete, and Q (not from Star Trek); Kevin Williams, president of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board; Sam Ayala, a mission's consultant with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board (*who is crazy, will explain later*); and Garry Eudy and David Singleton from E3 Volunteers. Garry is a retired IMB missionary and leads E3, which specializes in church-to-church partnerships and will lead 60 short term mission teams this year. Travelling with us was Kevin Cruz also with E3 and Salvador Zapata, the President of the Guatemalan Baptist Convention. Salvador shadowed us all week, and I suspect he was there, in part, to check out P2P.

First of all, I have never eaten as well or as poorly as I did on this trip. We ate repeatedly at Wendy's and Sarita (*think Guatemalan Applebee's*). We also ate at this amazing fish place on the water... twice, a great Mexican restaurant, Carl's Jr., pizza, and Pollo Campero (*think biggest food chain in Guatemala, people are crazy about it*). In between all that, we repeatedly went to Café Barista, as everyone craved foo foo coffee but me.

The first four days we all drove around to various churches and met with pastors. I had an opportunity to really get to know Garry Eudy, who it turns out has many of the same mission influences as myself, particularly Charles Brock. I also enjoyed getting to know the US pastors. I had plenty of opportunities to share about P2P and am hopeful they will all teach in Guatemala. We had a blast, but it was nothing compared to what was to come.

A story came out about a time Sam, Salvador, and Kevin Williams were travelling in Panama. They were walking down a street and what appeared to be several ladies of the evening, not realizing they were a group of Baptist pastors, began calling out to the group, “Papi” (“Daddy” in Spanish) repeatedly & seductively. One even tried to approach the group presumably to give a back rub. At which point they literally ran back to the van like they were being chased by an Amway salesman.



Ceviche and Shrimp from the Amazing Fish Restaurant.

After the US guys go home (*Ed Nerio has now joined us*), everyone begins calling each other “Papi” continuously (*sounds more like POPPY*). Usually, in deep voice and drug out like, “Paaaaaaapi.” We are driving down the road joking about Papi, when Sam starts making a weird high pitched falsetto noise, like what I imagine a tetradactyl to sound like. He calls it his victory shout. Then Salvador, the president of the Guatemalan convention copies Sam and likewise makes the same bizarre noise. We were all laughing so hard I thought our driver, Kevin Cruz, was going to crash the van.

We also received a call from the city that one of the US pastors that was travelling with us



Myself and Sam teaching in Morales

came down with COVID. We all had to get COVID tests at midnight, so we could teach the next day. We are sitting in the lobby of the hospital calling each other Papi (*Ed and myself naturally refrained from such hijinks*), and Sam goes into the back to get tested. We then hear a shrill high-pitched scream, and Sam stumbles into the lobby insisting he’d been violated. It turns out the nurse administering the test was unaware the swab for an antigen test doesn’t go four feet up your nose. Everyone then made the walk of shame into the back only to be mock consoled by the others when they came out.

We developed a name for our group and subsequent Whatsapp thread called *Los 5 Magnificos Misioneros* or *The 5 Magnificent Missionaries*. In truth, that is what we all were; although, the magnificent part is up for debate. By the end of the trip, we all bonded enormously and accomplished a great deal. Kevin Cruz wants to be our dedicated driver and translator. Sam is fired up about P2P and is redoubling his efforts to recruit P2P instructors in South Georgia. Salvador, who is also a seminary professor asked permission to use our material in various classes. He says we have an enthusiastic open door in Guatemala. He also called the president of the Costa Rican convention and insisted they bring P2P to their pastors. He has also asked permission to speak about us with leaders in several other conventions. Ed and myself were able to establish two new training locations along with incredible new relationships with E3 and the Guatemalan Baptist Convention. Such relationships are vital and providential, for who knows how they will lead to the next new location, and the one after that...and on and on it goes.



Los 5 Magnificos Misioneros plus 1

Left to right: Kevin Cruz, Sam Ayala, Gary Bulley, Salvador Zapata, Eric (Another seminary professor... who also wants to use P2P materials), Finally Ed Nerio.

Expanding Throughout Latin America

We are full speed ahead as the world opens up. We have resumed all of our existing training locations, with the exception of Belarus (*for political reasons*). We have recently begun new training locations in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Peru, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. We will begin in Columbia, Argentina, Ecuador, and Cuba by the end of 2022. Currently, we have 32 active locations in 9 countries. (*Nicaragua is currently being led by a team from El Salvador and 3 Peruvian locations are in Quechua only and taught by our partner Julio Rojas Flores.*)

- El Salvador – 5
- Honduras – 4
- Peru – 11
- The Dominican Republic – 2
- Guatemala – 2
- Nicaragua – 2
- Sierra Leone – 2
- Costa Rica – 2
- The United States - 2



Pastors Brian James and Aaron Land from Level Grove Baptist Church in Cornelia leading and teaching in the Dominican Republic.

We Could Not Have Done It Without You!

This newsletter is really all about keeping up with all the ways God is working through P2P. 32 active locations are a lot to keep track of and more are on the way. This does not include an even greater number of training centers led by nationals. The additions of Scott and ED are huge and incredibly essential. This is only possible because of you, our faithful supporters. We far exceeded our 2021 giving needs and ventured into new territory: organizational expansion. I emphasize “Organizational” because we have already been expanding, but our diminutive organization could not keep up with all of the demands. Now we feel like we can confidently advance from training thousands of pastors around the world, to tens of thousands of pastors. They and all the churches they represent thank you for your investment and continued investment in God’s Kingdom!



Pictures from Recent Teaching Trip to Honduras



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 praying about starting a new training network in Pakistan.
- 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.



Pictures from Recent Teaching Trip to Peru

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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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