

LATIN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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PURPOSE

The primary focus of the Latin American Leadership Development program is helping grow healthy churches both spiritually and numerically. Major challenges on the mission field are to strengthen Christians and local churches, to help churches develop in healthy ways, to develop teachers and leaders, and to encourage the development of missionary churches. Related to these challenges are the challenges of strengthening families and encouraging and facilitating evangelism.

To help with this last challenge, I have accepted the responsibility to advance Spanish evangelism through the evangelistic Bible study entitled "En Pos de la Verdad." I also maintain a website that provides written resources in Spanish. While my primary work is with churches throughout Latin America, I also work with Hispanic churches in the United States and present seminars and preach and teach in English-speaking churches.

Beyond providing written and printed materials, the primary method employed by Latin American Leadership Development involves traveling to various countries and regions of Latin America and presenting regional seminars. I also work with individual congregations. On average, I make 8-10 international trips each year.

In 2013, I preached and taught over 200 hours and worked with over 2000 members and leaders from at least 130 Latin American congregations, in about 45 locations across Latin America. In my spare time, I accept teaching and preaching appointments in the U.S.

SEMINARS AVAILABLE

Each seminar is clearly based in Scripture.

- Preparing the heart, motivating Christians
- Biblical studies, books of the Bible, themes, major doctrines
- How to study and understand the Bible
- How to teach the Bible
- Evangelism
- Spiritual growth and discipleship, how to develop faithful Christians
- Congregational development
- The Christian marriage, home, and family
- Developing teachers, workers, and ministers
- The biblical organization of the church
- The leadership—elders, deacons, functions, roles, responsibilities
- How to manage and resolve conflicts
- How to become a missionary Church capable of establishing other new churches

Activities for churches in the US include the above seminars, plus mission emphasis, special Sundays or special series, church development and planning, and leadership.

TEACHING, PREACHING, AND SEMINAR LOCATIONS

Chile—Santiago (Nogales, Providencia), Los Andes, Chillán

Colombia--Bogotá (various congregations), Pereira, Armenia, Tuluá, Cali, Pasto, Túquerres, Cumbál, Ipiales

Ecuador--Ibarra (four congregations), Babahoyo, Guayaquil, Tulcán

El Salvador--La Palma

Honduras--Catacamas, Olancho (various congregations), Barrio Cabañas—San Pedro Sula, Puerto Cortés, Ocotepeque, Santa Rosa de Copan, Tegucigalpa--Seminario Baxter

Guatemala--Chichicastenango, Sololá, Xela, San Juan del Obispo, Centro Histórico, La Unión-Zacapa

Nicaragua--Managua (Villa Alemania, Nueva Libia)

Panamá--Tocumen (with other congregations participating in the seminar)

Perú--Cusco, Lima, National Conference

Uruguay--Montevideo

Venezuela--San Cristóbal, Barinas, Barquisimeto, Yaracuy, San Felipe, Chivacoa

Los Estados Unidos--Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas

HOW TO SPONSOR A SEMINAR

→ Identify a space big enough for the seminar, considering the number who will attend

→ Make a list of churches and Christians to invite to the seminar

→ Call or write me to arrange details—date, theme or topic, etc.

→ Prepare invitations and send them to all on the list

→ Confirm the attendance by making one more contact to those invited

Cost. All seminars are offered free. For international seminars, I pay all of the travel costs to arrive in your country or city. Once I am there, lodging, meals, and ground transportation are the responsibility of the local church. (These costs can be negotiated.) Within the US, churches are expected to pay travel costs, although this can be negotiated based on the situation of the local congregation.

Dates. Call me to verify available dates. Generally, I prefer to spend 2-3 weeks in a country or region, in order to use resources economically. Therefore, I ask the help of the local brothers or churches to arrange multiple appointments. I like to spend at least 2-3 days in a specific location working with the churches, then to repeat the process in another place. (Normally, I have my calendar almost full about a year in advance.)

Length of seminars. I like to teach every day. My preference is to be busy in the morning, afternoon, and at night. However, the seminars are flexible with regard to themes and the number of lessons included.